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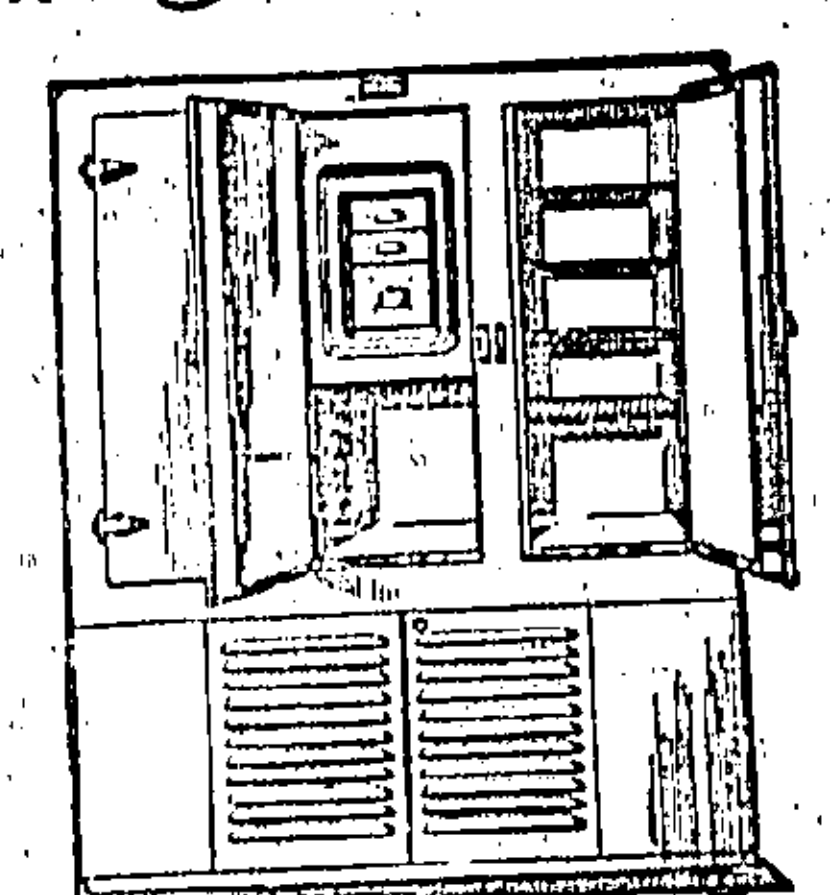
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OBITUARY.
DEATH OF FORMER HONGKONG RESIDENT.

Taken suddenly ill while in a taxicab outside his office, on June 24, Mr. Ernest Finch, a director of the Borneo Co., Ltd., Eastern merchants, Fenchurch Street, was driven to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he was found to be dead. Mr. Finch lived at Loxham Gardens, West Kensington, and was 61 years of age. The cause of death was stated at the inquest to be heart failure. Mrs. Hilda Margaret Keith-Jones, Mr. Finch's daughter, told Dr. Waldo (Coroner) that her father suffered from what he thought was indigestion, and got "puffed" in climbing stairs. William Cook, a taxi-driver, said Mr. Finch engaged him at the corner of Threadneedle Street, and told him to drive to Fenchurch Street. He seemed all right, but when witness opened the cab door at his destination he found his passenger lying on the back seat.

Mr. Ernest Henage Finch joined the Borneo Co., Ltd., in August, 1883, and, after a short period in the head office in London, proceeded to the East, where he served in the Singapore, Bangkok, and Hongkong branches of the company respectively. He returned from Hongkong to Bangkok in 1887, becoming manager of the branch in March, 1898, which position he held until August, 1906, when he was recalled to head office to look after the Siam interests of the company in London. Mr. Finch was appointed general manager of the company in May, 1916, and held that appointment until the end of 1925, when he retired from the active management of the Borneo Co. He, however, retained until the date of his death the directorships which he held in the following companies:—Brush Rubber Estates, Ltd. (chairman); Ipoh Tin Dredging, Ltd.; Kuala Reman Rubber Estates, Ltd.; Ocean Salvage and Towage Co., Ltd.; Pahang Consolidated Co., Ltd.; Sarawak Rubber Estates, Ltd. (chairman); Sungai Kinta Tin Dredging, Ltd.; and Temoh Tin Dredging, Ltd. (chairman). Mr. Finch also served on the London committee of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., North China Insurance Co., Ltd., and Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.

REAR-ADMIRAL DREAPER.
Service at Hongkong Hospital.

Surgeon Rear-Admiral George Albert Dreaper died at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar. Born on July 7, 1863, the son of Mr. R. H. Dreaper, of Finsboro House, Castlemeor, Co. Kilkenny, he was educated in Dublin, and became a surgeon in the Royal Naval in 1884. He was staff surgeon of the Magdalen during the South African War, and also in the Jubaland expedition, 1900-1901, when he was landed in charge of the military hospital. For these services he received the South African medal and the Jubaland clasp, and an expression of the Admiralty's appreciation. In the Somaliland expedition of 1904 he was fleet surgeon of the Fox in command of the medical staff, and was landed for the capture of the Mullah's stronghold at Illig. For this service he was mentioned in dispatches, and received the General East African medal with clasp for Somaliland.

From 1908-10 Fleet Surgeon Dreaper was in charge of the surgical wards at Chatham Naval Hospital, and was promoted to Deputy Surgeon-General in 1913. Afterwards he was in charge of the surgical wards at the naval hospitals at Plymouth and Hongkong, and was promoted to Surgeon Rear-Admiral in 1919. In 1920 he was made C.B., and was in command of the Royal Naval Hospital at Chatham until he went on the retired list in 1923. In 1910

PEACE OF HUMANITY.
M. POINCARÉ AND FRANCO: GERMAN RELATIONS.

Paris, July 25.

A function marking the reconstruction of town of Orchies in the North of France, destroyed by the Germans in 1914, gave M. Poincaré, who presided, an opportunity to refer to Franco-German relations. He declared that however abominable the conduct of incendiaries may have been, nobody would infer the guilt of the whole people therefrom.

"There is not a soul among us so senseless as to want to perpetuate hatred, between neighbouring races, whose agreement is essential for the peace of humanity. We only ask that fabulous tales distorting the real figure of France should not be composed for the deception of future generations."—*Reuter*.

Desire for Peace.

Paris, July 25.

In his speech at the ceremony of restoration M. Poincaré remarked that France had not ceased to give proof of a spirit of conciliation and would continue her pacific efforts loyally, constantly and with good grace. "She knows it to conform with her duty to the world and to her own interests. It would be on her part an act of folly to let adventures interrupt the work whereto she is entirely consecrated."

"Peace is not only dear to her but necessary, both external and internal peace, to bring about which she had subordinated all secondary questions to the question which for the moment dominates all others that is to say the economic and financial restoration of the country."

"Whatever results may have been accomplished the task is far from being finished. Since to us was confided the burden of commencing it we claim the right and opportunity to complete it."—*Havas*.

[Orchies is a small town in the Department of Nord, about five miles from the Belgian frontier. It stands on the railway about half way between Valenciennes and Armentieres. It was one of the first towns on French soil to feel the brunt of the German onslaught and was occupied and destroyed by them on September 25, 1914.]

RUSSO-AMERICAN TRADE.
PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH MOSCOW OFFICE.

Washington, July 25.

The executive committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce has rejected a suggestion to establish a bureau at Moscow to develop Russo-American trade. In the course of a letter to a member who broached the proposal, the Committee expressed the opinion that nothing but propaganda harmful to America could result, and such action was tantamount to repudiating the position of the American Government, which the Chamber of Commerce heartily endorsed.—*Reuter's American Service*.

HUNGER STRIKERS.
VANZETTI HAS SUBSTANTIAL BREAKFAST.

Boston, July 25.

Vanzetti has interrupted his hunger strike with a substantial breakfast of oatmeal, milk, bread and coffee. Sacco maintains his fast.—*Reuter's American Service*.

he married Constance Amy, daughter of Mr. Henry de Blaquiere, J.P., of Fiddane, Gort, but leaves no children.

AVIATION.
A REMARKABLE DUTCH ACHIEVEMENT.

Amsterdam, July 25.

The arrival of a monoplane carrying Herr Van Learblack as the first passenger between Holland and the Dutch East Indies, under forty days, is regarded as a remarkable Dutch achievement, establishing a new landmark in commercial air navigation.

A hundred thousand people greeted the machine at the aerodrome of the Royal Dutch Navigation Company. The Nederland Indie Vliegtocht Comité gave a banquet in honour of the event at which Sir William Sefton Branker, British Air Vice-Marshal, was present.—*Reuter*.

MORE IN SORROW.
THE RETIREMENT OF MME. SUN.

Hankow, July 17.

"At the moment I feel that we are turning aside from the Master's policy of leading and strengthening the people. Therefore, I must withdraw until wiser policies prevail," declared Madame Sun Yat-sen in a lengthy statement given to *Reuter's* correspondent this evening.

Madame Sun Yat-sen declared that a revolution must be a social revolution based upon fundamental changes in society, otherwise it is not a revolution but merely a change of government.

"She states that Dr. Sun Yat-sen's three principles are being changed 'to fit the needs of the time' adding that though a change of policy may be necessary it must not be carried to the point where it becomes a reversal of the principles laid down by the Master, where the Revolutionary Party ceases to be revolutionary and becomes merely an organ operating under the banner of revolution but actually working in support of the very social structure which the party was founded to alter."

Madame Sun continues:—"There have been mistakes, but we must face the fact that they are not the mistakes of others, but ours as well. We have helped to make them and we must correct them."

"For revolutionary mistakes, revolutionary solutions must be found. We must not betray the people."

Madame Sun lays stress on Dr. Sun's early poverty and his forty years of work on behalf of an agrarian revolution while Russia was still under the heel of the Tsar.

A Parasite.

"Dr. Sun's policies are clear. If certain leaders of the Party do not carry them out, they are no longer Sun's true followers, and the Party is no longer a revolutionary party but merely a tool in the hands of this or that militarist. It will have ceased to be a living force working for the future welfare of the Chinese people and will have become a machine, an agent of oppression, a parasite battenning on the present enslaving system."

The statement concludes:—"There is no despair in my heart for the Revolution. My disappointment is only that the path of some of those who have been leading the Revolution has strayed. But although members of the Party are straying from the path Dr. Sun Yat-sen charted for the Revolution in China millions of people in China who have already come under the banners of the Party will continue on this path to the final goal. This means that I shall not keep faith alone. I am certain all true members of the Kuomintang will take this path."

The whole statement by Madame Sun Yat-sen is an indictment of the present Government in Wuhan, as opposed to the policy carried out while the Wuhan Government was under Russian advisership.—*Reuter*.

TARIFF AUTONOMY.
NANKING GOVERNMENT ASSERTS RIGHT.

Shanghai, July 25.

The Nanking Government is asserting its right to tariff autonomy and will abolish, on September 1, all native customs and all levies on goods in transit, coast trade, duty, interport duty, and destination tax in Kiangsu, Anhwei, Chekiang, Fukien, Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

Simultaneously it will increase the customs duties as follows: to the legal five per cent ad valorem tax they will add seven and a half per cent on ordinary imports, 15 per cent or 25 per cent on luxuries according to classification, 87½ per cent on alcoholic liquors and tobacco products with an equivalent excise on articles manufactured in China.—*Reuter*.

ATTEMPT TO BOMB CANTON COMMANDER.

Canton, July 24.

A bomb incident aimed at the life of General Li Chai-sum, occurred last night on the East Bund. The plot is believed to have been hatched by the Reds, General Li's bitter enemies. Fortunately the General was not hurt.

Apparently the Reds found out that General Li was riding in a car to his Headquarters in the Kwangsi Civic Guild Building on the Second East Bund. Almost immediately General Li's car had passed, the bomb exploded. The explosion was very strong and a piece of ground behind the Old Government Paper Depot Office was torn up. General Li's bodyguards and the guards from the Headquarters immediately made a search for the bomb throwers, but no sign of them could be discovered.

Upon return to his office, General Li immediately issued an order to the Police Department for the arrest of those responsible for the plot against his life.

There is no doubt that the Reds are very active in promoting another movement here against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and General Li Chai-sum. The Police have seized large quantities of seditious literature during the last few days. Most of these circulars were entitled "Anti-Chiang Kai-shek Propaganda Circulars."

RUSSIAN'S DEATH.
S. M. C. EMPLOYEE FOUND HANGING.

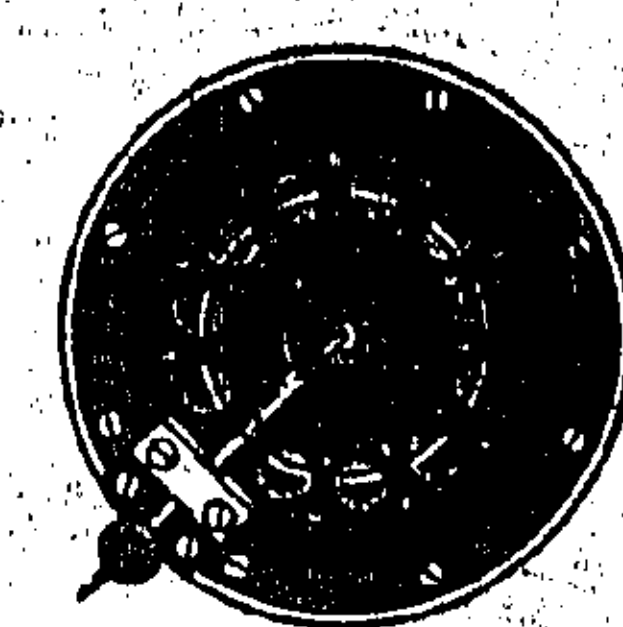
An inquest was conducted at Shanghai at the Public Mortuary, by Judge Chao and Mr. A. Stevenson, the Senior Consul's deputy on the body of Sergius Garnett, an employee in the Health Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who hanged himself by a cord attached to the iron bars outside the window of the room occupied by the deceased at the Mental ward of the Victoria Nursing Home.

Evidence was given by Det-In-spector Schmidt who said that deceased who was 36 years of age was found hanging by Mr. B. Stone an attendant at the Nursing Home. The body was immediately cut down and Dr. Bary was called but life was pronounced to be extinct. Deceased had been a patient in the mental ward since July 7.

Dr. Bary said that the deceased suffered from mental trouble. He had an idea that he was being persecuted by everyone and that they were trying to do him harm. Deceased had escaped from another hospital and had been placed in the Nursing Home mental ward.

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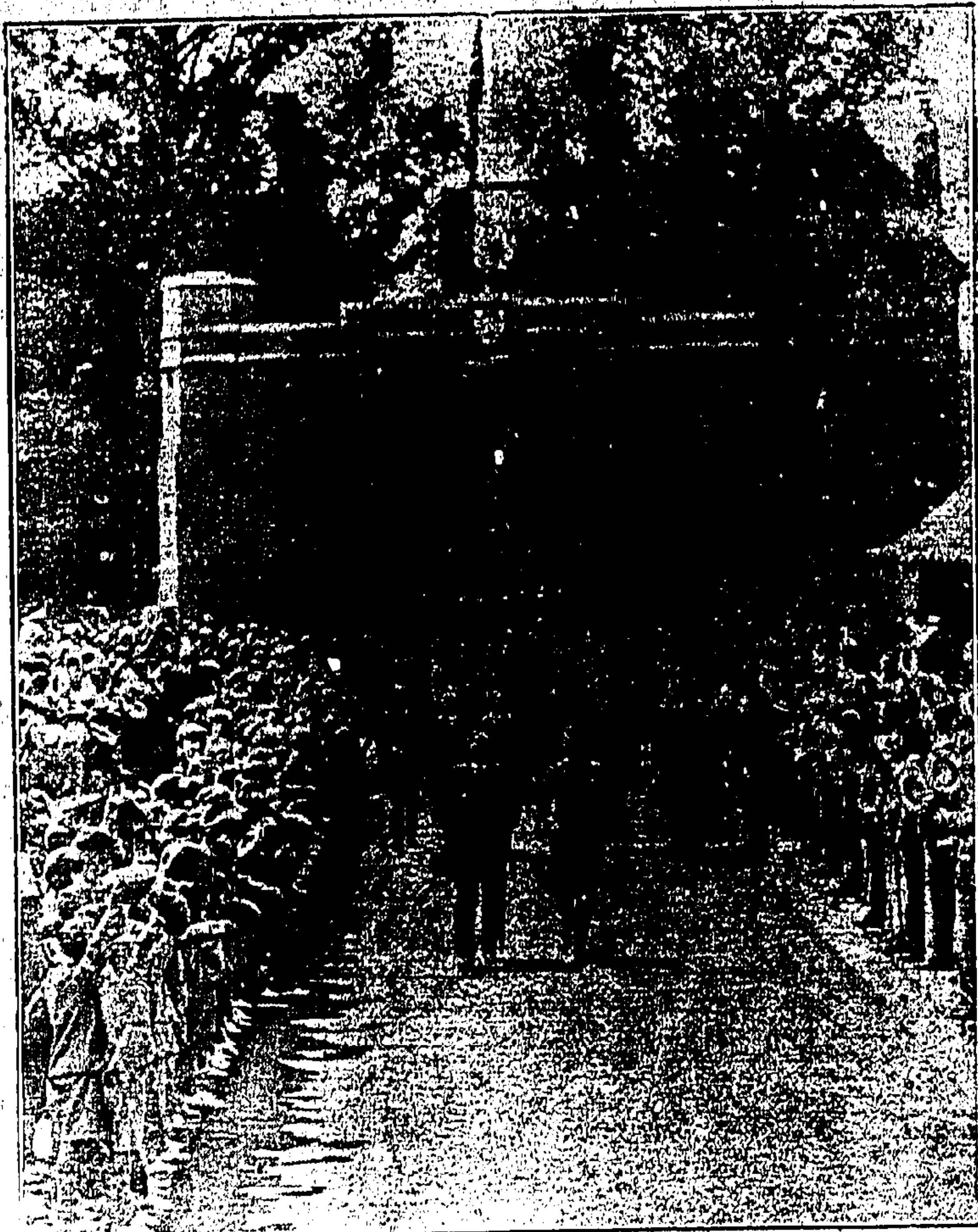
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INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW.—Lieutenant X. Bizard (France) on his bay mare Quinine, the winner of the King George V Gold Cup at Olympia. This is the fifth time France has won the cup since its presentation in 1911. Last year it was won by the United States, which was not represented this year. (Times copyright).



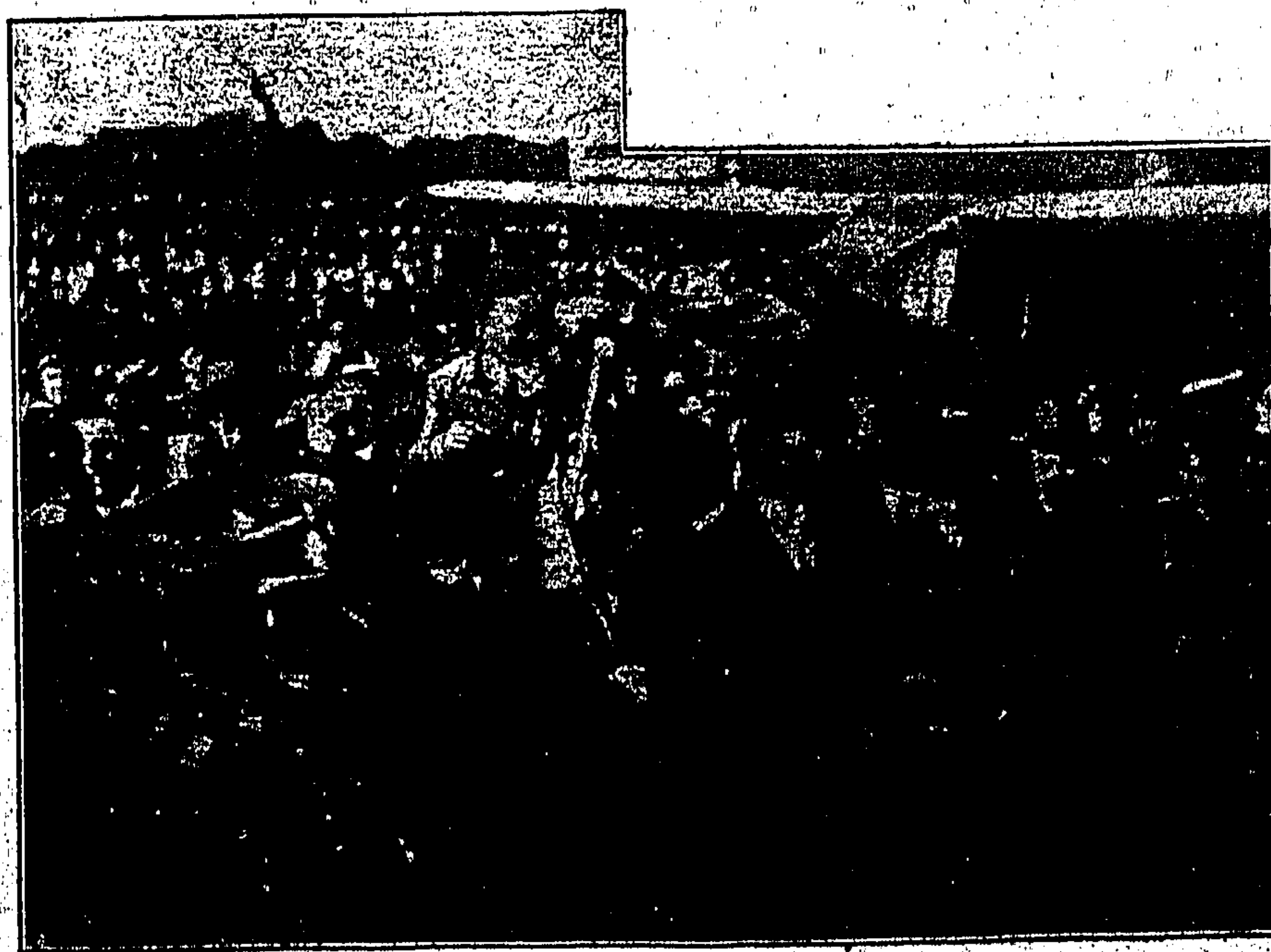
LAWN TENNIS AT WIMBLEDON.—Our picture shows F. Hunter (U. S. A.) who beat A. R. F. King-scote (Great Britain), 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. (Times copyright).



AT WIMBLEDON.—Our picture shows Miss Helen Wills (U. S. A.) who beat Miss G. R. Sterry (Great Britain), 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. (Times copyright).



TRANSATLANTIC PLANE IN BERLIN.—Our photograph shows the Columbia being guarded by troops on arrival at Berlin. Sixteen German aeroplanes escorted the Columbia on the journey from Kottbus, and Mr. Chamberlin and Mr. Levine were received by President Von Hindenburg. (Times copyright).



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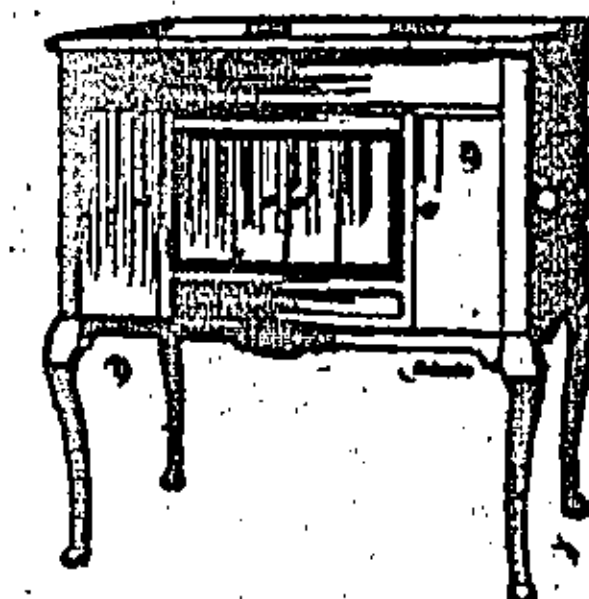
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1. That the Company be wound up voluntarily.
2. That John Fleming, C.A. and H. R. M. Cleland, C.A., both of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be, and are hereby appointed Liquidators to act either jointly or severally for the purpose of such winding up.

N. CROUCHER, Chairman.

Dated this 21st day of July, 1927.

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(IN LIQUIDATION.)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Company, Limited, will be held at the Office of the Liquidators, 3, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 18th day of August, 1927, at 12 noon, for the purposes provided for in the said Section.

JOHN FLEMING, H. R. M. CLELAND, Joint Liquidators.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1927.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1911.

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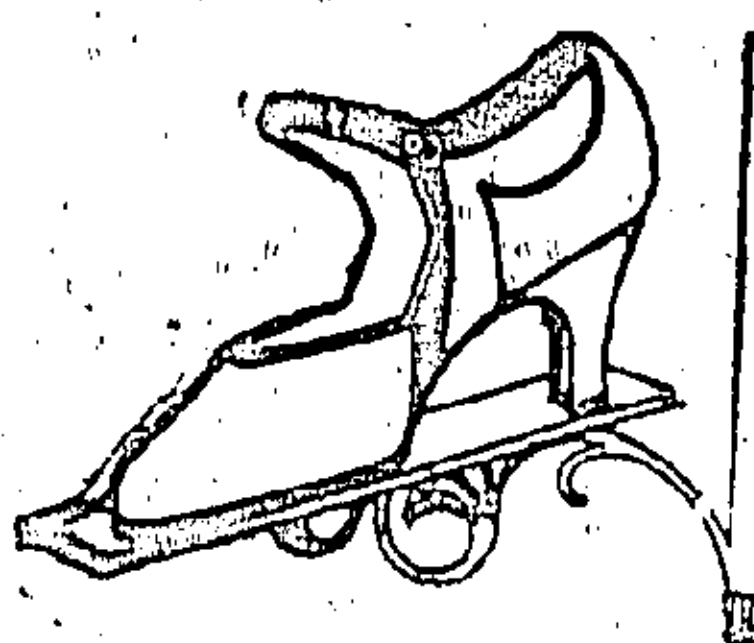
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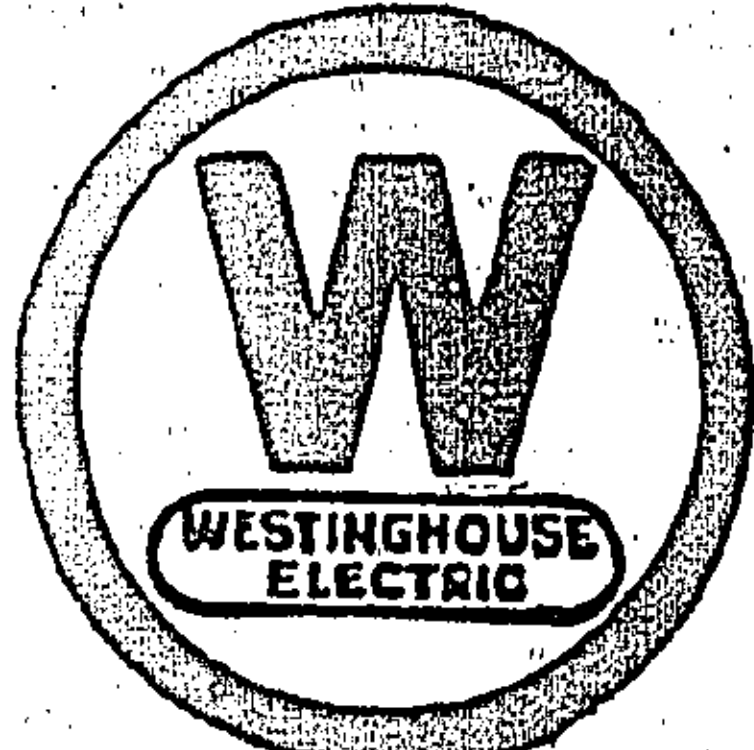


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Shanghai	Kashgar	August 5.
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Manila	Empress of Russia	August 22.

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For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Cleveland	Tues., July 26, 3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C., 15th August)	
Manila	Pres. Madison	Tues., July 26, 1.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Tues., July 16, 4 p.m.
Port Bayard	Sun Kong	Tues., July 26, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus	Wed., 27 July.
	Kowloon P. O.	
	Registration	9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
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	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 24th August)	
Saigon	Tijpanas	Wed., July 27, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Wed., July 27, 1.30 p.m.
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Manila	Telemachus	Wed., July 27, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Kamo Maru	Wed., July 27, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Deli Maru	Thurs., July 28, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Thurs., July 28, noon.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., July 28, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Glenamoy	Thurs., July 28, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., July 29, noon.
Straits and Calcutta	Lai Sang	Fri., July 29, noon.
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Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island

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WATER LEVELS.

REPORT FROM BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORK OF KWANGTUNG. WATER-LEVELS IN ENGLISH FEET.

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North River at Tsingyuen	+28'7	0'	+10.3	falling
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CHILDREN'S PLAYTHING.

A huge uncut ruby of great sentimental value to India—owing to its romantic associations with Shah Jehan, the builder of the Taj Mahal—has been the plaything of the children of a Leicester plate-layer.

The ruby weighing 31 carats was lost by Mrs. Graham Pole, wife of Major D. Graham Pole, of Palace Chambers, London, when she was travelling to Swadlowcote (Derbyshire) on June 8.

It was picked up on the permanent way near Leicester by Mr. J. H. Wade, a plate-layer, who, not realising what it was, gave it to his twin children.

A Toy.

"Oh, what a pretty piece of red glass!" the children explained, and they played with it until it had lost its novelty.

Then the ruby, which was once the central piece in the tiara worn by the Mogul heir apparent to the throne of India, was flung into a corner among a heap of discarded toys.

It was not until Mr. Wade picked up a newspaper containing an advertisement describing the missing ruby that he recognised it as the "piece of red glass" he had found.

SAME OLD STORY OF CONFIDENCE.

BUT ALWAYS A LISTENER AROUND.

London, June 25.—Scotland Yard is scouring London for a gang of 20 expert Australian and American crooks, headed by a middle-aged cosmopolitan Irishman nicknamed "Professor Pat," which recently raked in £3,000 while operating in fashionable restaurants and resorts.

Last night two of the gang made the acquaintance of an American in the street and tricked him with the old story that they wanted him to assist in the distribution of a fortune, but that he first must hand over a few thousand dollars to prove his financial stability.

With considerable difficulty the ruby was found and returned to the major.

"The ruby originally belonged to the great Mogul Emperor Jehangir, whose fondness for rubies is proverbial in India," Major Pole told a press representative.

"It then passed into the hands of his wife, the famous Queen Nurjahan, the Light of the World, later passing into the hands of the Taj Mahal builder."

"Scratched" on the ruby is a Persian inscription bearing the date A.D. 1612.

£5,000 in India.

"It was given to me about ten years ago by Lala Marain Das, the Government jeweller, who valued

FIERCE BATTLE IN MINE.

MUTINOUS CONVICTS BEATEN BY LOYALISTS.

Lansink (Kan.), June 25.—A grim story of the battle underground between the mutinous and non-mutinous among the 328 convicts in the Kansas State penitentiary colliery, is being told by the men, who were now back in their cells.

The mutineers put the loyalists behind a barricade with the guards, but the loyalists broke loose and charged the mutineers with pickhandles, shovels and rocks.

The battle lasted for days, and the mutineers were eventually defeated.

The loyalists then telephoned to the surface for help. The mutineers threatened to dynamite the cage, but were again beaten and overpowered, and were sent to the surface twelve at a time.

all the presents given to King Edward, and I had it hung on a gold chain for Mrs. Pole.

"Although it was valued at £5,000 in India on account of its historic connections, the fact that it has had a hole bored through it deprives it of much of its value in this country."

"My wife discovered the loss at Leicester, where she found that the gold chain was broken. Apparently the ruby fell on to the platform and rolled on to the railway track."

TRANSPORT WAR IN ENGLAND.

ROADS & RAILWAYS: TRUCK SOUGHT.

London, June 27.—There is a prospect of the intensive competition between road and railway companies being terminated by a world's motor transport congress, that will be held in London at the end of the year.

Experts agree that the public will benefit also, because the desertion of the railways has resulted in an increase in freights, which is strangling commerce and creating an intolerable situation which only co-operation can relieve.

DUKE OF YORK'S ESCAPE.

NEARLY CRASHES INTO CYCLIST.

London, June 28.—The Duke of York had a narrow escape from being knocked down by a cyclist after he had visited the Prime Minister (Mr. Baldwin) for half an hour to discuss his tour.

The Duke left No. 10 and crossed Downing-street, and had entered the arches of the Foreign Office quadrangle for the purpose of visiting the Secretary for the Dominions, Mr. Amery, when a youth turned in. Only a swift swerve enabled the lad to avoid a collision with the Royal party.

MOTH FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

NO QUESTION OF ABANDONMENT.

Mr. Denis Rooker, who is flying to Australia in a Moth under the auspices of the De Havilland Aircraft Co., Ltd., and who is now at Karachi, cabled to Australia on June 23:

"I have certainly not abandoned my flight, as has been rumoured here, and, judging by your cable, in Australia also."

"I am repairing my machine, and will carry on as soon as the repairs are finished."

"I left Cairo on June 16, and arrived at Amman (Transjordan) the same evening."

Leaving again the next day, I crossed the Syrian Desert to Baghdad and went on to Basra, which I left on the 18th, arriving at Jask (Persia) the same evening."

Next morning I left Jask and arrived at Karachi at 8.20 p.m."

"Unfortunately, I broke the fuselage behind the leading tail plate through catching the tail skid in a crevice in the ground that could not be seen in the semi-darkness. Otherwise, I had a good trip."

"I estimate that I will be able to leave for Calcutta at the end of next week."

CLAIM TO SARAWAK TITLE?

MAN SAYS HE IS ELDEST SON OF SECOND RAJAH.

Mr. E. Brooke Daykin, secretary to the late Mr. D. A. Dunlap and now to Mrs. Dunlap, claims that he is the eldest son of the late Sir Charles Brooke, the second Rajah of Sarawak, says a Toronto message.

The present Rajah, his Highness Charles Vyner Brooke is, according to Mr. Daykin's claim, a son by a second wife.

Mr. Daykin says that his mother was the daughter of a native chief, a member of the former ruling house, who married his father in 1863, and died four years later at his (Mr. Daykin's) birth.

He says that he has his birth certificate and baptismal certificate. His father married Margaret De Windt in 1869. He, Mr. Daykin, was taken to England in 1873 and eventually placed under the care of Archdeacon Daykin, whose name he took, although his real name was Isaka Brooke.

Mr. Daykin has prospered in Canada and now proposes, he says, to press for recognition of his lineage and material compensation for the sake of his children—three daughters and a son.

YSAYE MARRIES.

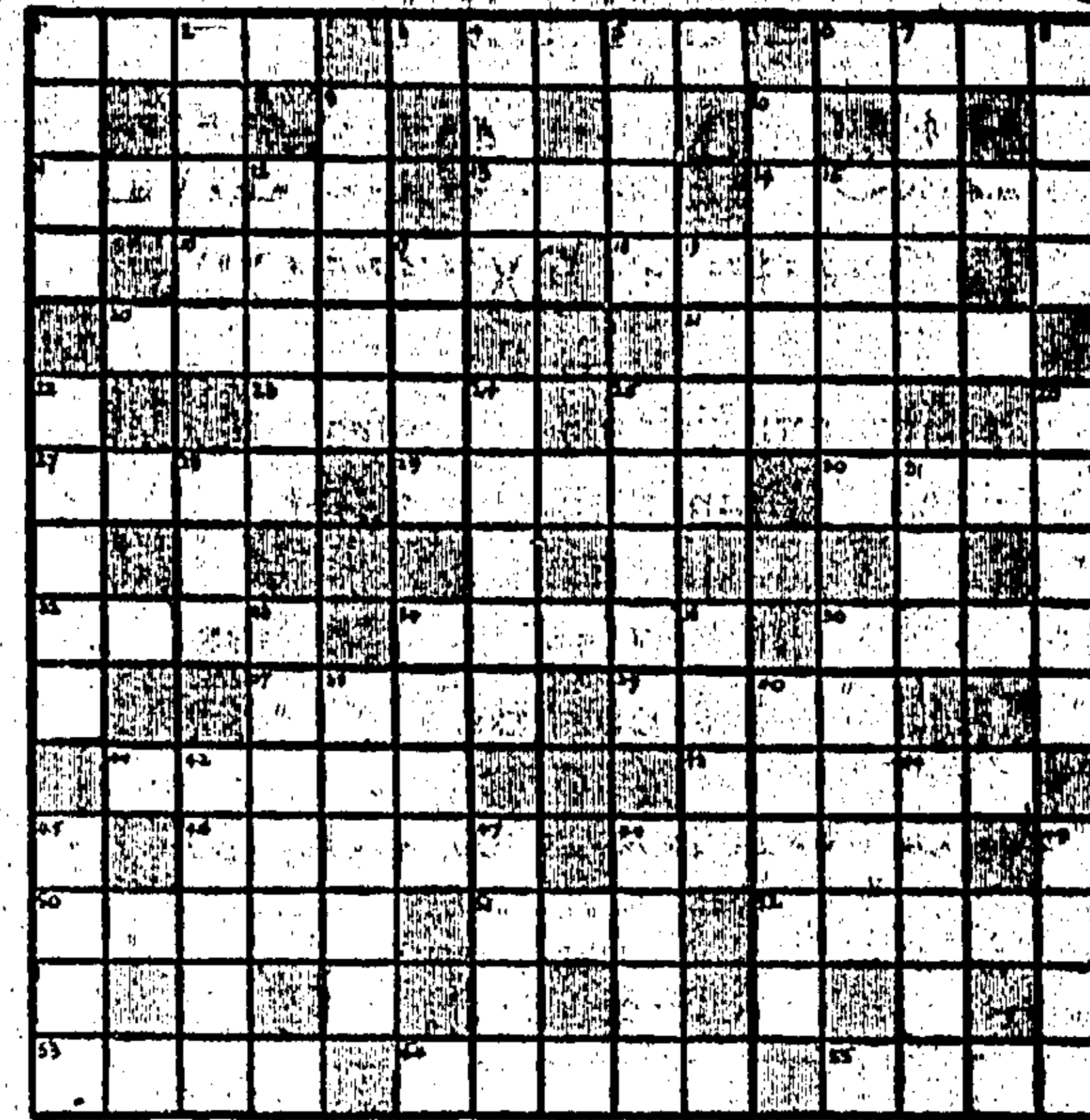
HE IS 69, SHE IS 25.

New York, July 21. Eugene Ysaye, the celebrated violinist, was married on July 9 in Belgium to Annette Duncan, the daughter of a Brooklyn, New York, physician, it was revealed to-day by the bride's father.

Ysaye is 69 and his bride is 25. The two met for the first time in 1920 in Cincinnati, where Ysaye was conductor of the symphony orchestra. Miss Duncan accompanied the violinist abroad in 1922.—Associated Press.

A gentleman, who was born in England but has resided for 50 years in the United States of America, has sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer bonds to the value of £250 as a contribution towards the reduction of the British debt to the United States. The donor has previously sent three similar donations during the past few years. Mr. Churchill desires to express the thanks of his Majesty's Government for this further generous gift.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
1. Rear.
 3. Come down with a rush.
 6. Continent.
 11. Flat fishes.
 13. Born.
 14. Gives out.
 16. Comforts.
 18. At no time.
 20. Wander.
 21. Lashes.
 23. Cover for a wheel.
 25. Withor.
 27. Barbarian.
 29. Publishes.
 30. Commercial premises.
 32. Gain by labour.
 34. Wards off.
 36. Prophet.
 38. Part of the eye.
 40. Water bird.
 41. Afterwards.
 43. Angry.
 45. Liberated.
 48. Mohammedan chiefs.
 50. Doomed.
 51. Element of an electrolyte.
 52. Sea mammals.
 53. Unusual.
 54. Let.
 56. Interrogates.
- Down.
1. Throw up.
 2. Small island.
 4. Is successful.
 5. Beasts, sometimes of burden.
 7. Escape work.
 8. Part of a building with a dome.
 9. Trial.
 10. Cut.
 12. Planet.
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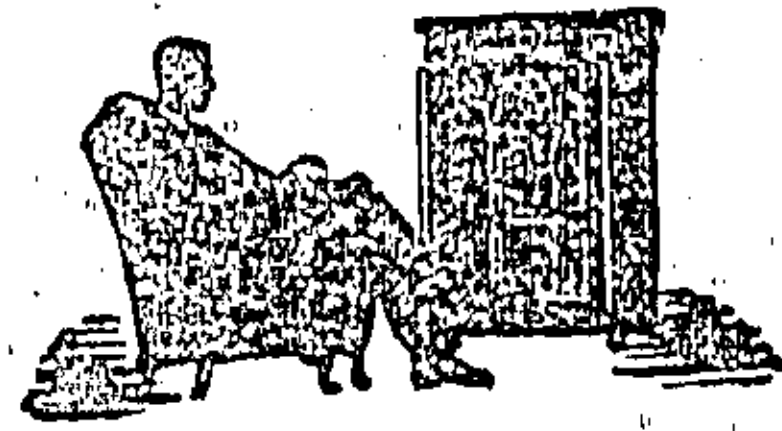


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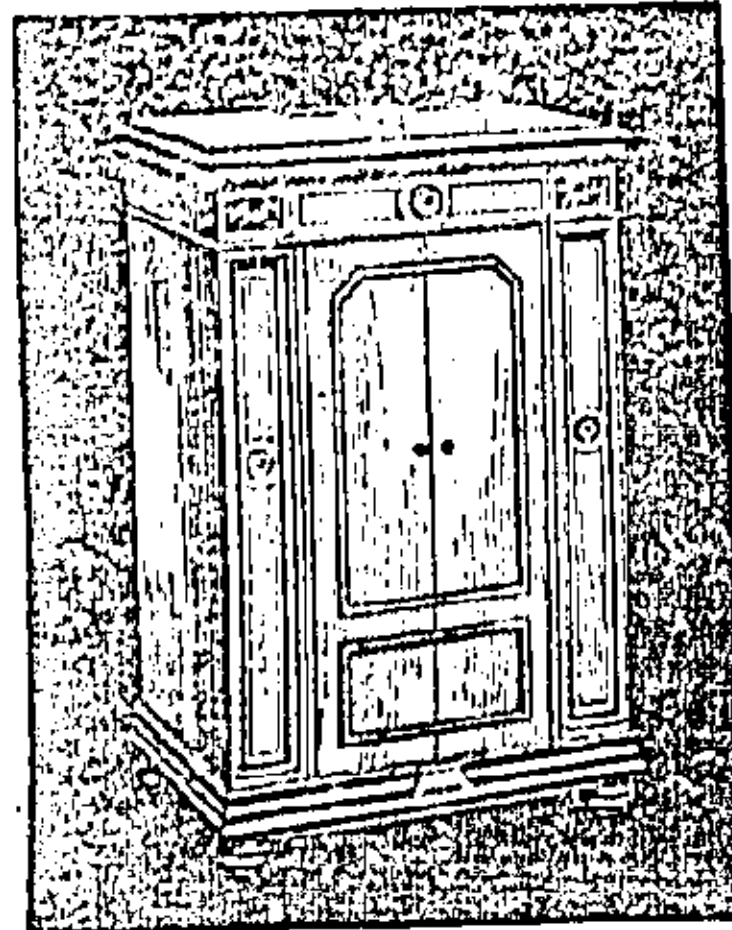


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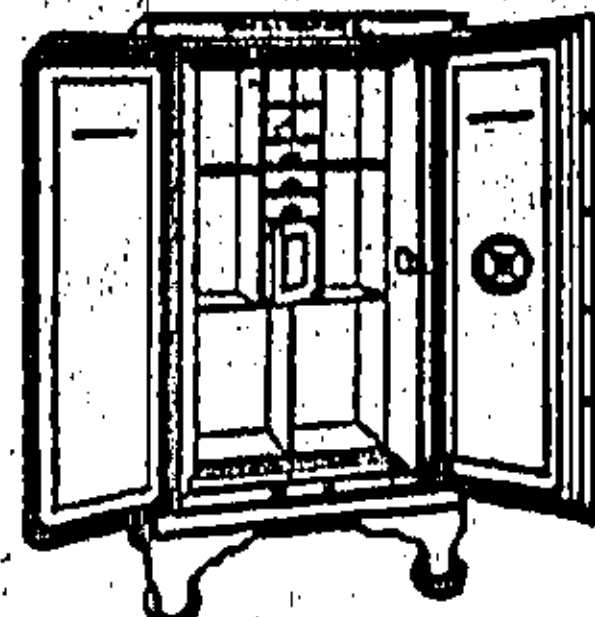
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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1927.

LONDON'S SQUARES.

During recent years there has been a good deal of anxiety about the future of London squares, which was not unnatural in view of what had happened in particular cases, and for that reason the public at home has given hearty welcome to the recent decision to appoint a Royal Commission for the purpose of considering the London squares and their preservation. It is estimated that the number of squares, crescents, triangles, terraces, and similar enclosures in London is about 450. Of this number, about 236 are squares, and 247 of these squares could be described as garden squares. The menace to London and the possibility of Londoners being deprived of these picturesque "lungs" will be understood when it is stated that out of these 247 squares, only 61 are absolutely secure for posterity. Commerce has reached out many times of recent years to grasp a square here and a square there. In some cases its efforts have been successful, trees have been uprooted, turf has disappeared, and in their place have been reared the blanketing walls of factory or office. The disappearance of the Mornington-crescent, N.W., and of Endsleigh-gardens, N.W., are the most important recent examples of this change. Efforts to acquire other open spaces have not been so successful. Public opinion, quite recently prevented negotiations going too far for the transfer of the Covent Garden market to the site of the Foundling Hospital and its turfed grounds in Bloomsbury, W.C. Many of these London squares are the only playgrounds of thousands of children in densely populated districts. It is important that the Commission should get to work at once and lose no time in making its report. If two or three years are wasted in delay and talking, some of the most valuable of the squares may be built over. Many of the squares are liable to be disposed of at any minute, when they cease to be breathing places for the people of the capital. It seems clear that, as the community has the right to impose building regulations on the owners of property, so it has the right to

require that squares and open spaces which have existed for at least fifty years in the fully developed districts of London shall remain open spaces and shall not be destroyed. In the event of such legislation being enacted the landlord would not suffer in the long run. Open spaces are not unremunerative to him; they improve his property and enable him to obtain higher rents for it. They are, in fact, a benefit to everybody, and that is why energetic action is required to save them while yet there is time to do it. Those who love London—and they are all who know it well—know what benefit and charm it gains by reason of its residential squares, and how worthy is the effort being made to retain them.

Smashing Idols.

If the report that a section of Nationalist soldiers stationed at Ching Yuen, in Kwangtung, have paid systematic visits to temples in the district and smashed the idols there, be true, it points to a remarkable instance of Russian Communism being imbued with some of its worst features. It is to be presumed that the action was anti-religious, for there is no suggestion of reprisal against the villagers, who apparently were merely inoffensive country folk. There was possibly the urge to commit theft, for some of the idols were coated with successive layers of gold-leaf, but nevertheless the deed represented to the soldiers, who had been brought up to revere those very idols, a case of deliberate sacrilege. There have been many instances of anti-Christian demonstrations in parts of Kwangtung, but one can understand this fanaticism in the case of anti-foreign troops, whose desecration of Christian places of worship and cemeteries was not offending their own, but an alien, belief. Now, however, they seem to have gone so far as to desecrate the idols which their fathers worshipped, thereby establishing a definite absence of traditional belief. To some ways of thinking this may spell enlightenment: to those who look beyond their particular prejudices it betokens the decay in moral and national fibre that is threatening China to-day. Many of the people imbibing the worst of certain foreign examples, there have been wanting frequent instances of this imitation of the extremism that Moscow so prolifically breeds. The anti-God societies of Soviet Russia have their counterpart in the anti-idol Chinese soldiers. The ethics of Confucius are forgotten and in their place are absorbed the tenets of Marx. Now the family gods are spurned. A small thing perhaps, to the non-idolaters, but bespeaking the non-idolaters and deterioration which is afflicting the country to-day.

THE HEALTH OF THE COLONY.

THREE MORE EUROPEANS WITH ENTERIC.

The health return for last week shows a persistence of typhoid infection, with three more European cases.

There were also two cholera cases, both fatal, one British and one Chinese. These, as reported last week, were imported, in the British case it is believed from Canton.

The enteric fever cases numbered nine, and there was one death during the period covered. The cases comprised two British, one German, and six Chinese, four coming from Hongkong and five from the peninsula. There was one death from enteric during the week.

The reappearance of small-pox is shown in one Chinese case, with one death. There was also one case of diphtheria, two cases of cerebro-spinal fever, with one death, and two deaths from puerperal fever, as well as one fresh case; all being Chinese.

Yesterday's return gave a new case of enteric (Chinese) from Kowloon, and another Chinese case of puerperal fever.

Betting in connexion with horse racing is to be introduced in Norway this summer. A law to this effect has been passed by the Storting, which neglected protests from farmers against what was believed to be a cruelty against animals. The betting is to be arranged by totalisator, for one farmer member of the Storting asked: "Is there no limit to human cruelty against our dumb friends? Not only are the horses to run for the fun of idlers, but they are even to be tantalised afterwards."

MAN REFUSED BAIL A SECOND TIME.

"JUMPED" A \$5,000 BOND IN 1925.

Arrested in 1925 on a charge of manslaughter, arising out of dangerous driving, a Chinese then referred to "jump" his bail of \$5,000 rather than face the charge.

Recently, however, he returned to Hongkong, and was recognised. Information given to the police led to this arrest a few days ago.

He was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day and charged with manslaughter. In view of the difficulty which the traffic department had in collecting evidence for the prosecution, Inspector Alexander applied for a week's remand, which was given.

The accident, on which the accused is charged with manslaughter, occurred on June 1, 1925. A man was killed at the junction of Queen's Road and Pokfulam Road near the No. 7 Police Station. The driver was brought before the Police Magistrate for trial, on a charge of manslaughter, the next day, and a week's remand was granted bail being fixed at \$5,000. When the case was called a week later, it was found that the driver had left the Colony.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell refused to grant bail this morning, remarking that since the man could forfeit a \$5,000 bail once, he might do so again.

CRUELTY CASE
DISMISSED.

CHINESE GIRL IS DEMENTED.

Two Chinese women appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning charged with alleged cruelty to a girl of fourteen, at No. 3 Yak Ming Street, West Point. It was stated that the women, who were the girl's mother and aunt respectively, chained her up in the house and that the neighbours could hear her cries all through the day and night.

Mr. Lindsell, who had been in communication with the S. C. A., discharged the two women on discovering that the girl was mad. A report furnished by the Lunatic Asylum showed that the girl was seriously demented. The Magistrate added that the two women were only to blame because they did not send her to the Lunatic Asylum sooner.

The girl's mother explained that the girl had previously been treated in the Lunatic Asylum and had been returned to her completely cured. She had a relapse, however, but the mother wanted to try a Chinese method of curing. The Magistrate said that he would make out an order for the girl to stay in the Lunatic Asylum until she was perfectly recovered. If she should have a further relapse, Mr. Lindsell told the mother it was her duty to send her to the asylum.

TOO MUCH RECKLESS
DRIVING.MAGISTRATE'S COMMENT IN
TRAFFIC CASE.

"There has been rather too much of this sort of game at Stubbs Road," commented Major C. Willson this morning as he fined a motorist, Mr. K. S. Robertson, \$15 for reckless driving.

It was stated that Mr. Robertson cut in between two buses, travelling in opposite directions at a bend at Stubbs Road, and slightly collided with both.

Mr. D. L. de Leur, of the Netherlands Trading Company, was fined \$20 for exceeding the speed limit while proceeding along Queen's Road East on his motorcycle.

Defendant complained that tardy notice was given to him of the summons, but as far as he could recollect, he was driving at a moderate speed on the day in question.

Sergeant Baker stated that he was following defendant in a private car, but later abandoned further pursuit as this would be dangerous in the crowded area of Wan-chai. This was the reason for the delay.

A visitor to Hongkong is Count Alexander Clios, Polish artist, educated in Petersburg. Count Clios is no stranger. He painted the "St. Joan" scenery, which was later illustrated in the Theatrical Magazine of New York. He also won commendation in the local Art Club and did some sketches for the Admiralty. Count Clios has been on a visit to Malaya and Manila. In Siam he painted 53 landscapes to the Government's order for the Siamese exhibition and 64 water colours for an illustrated official "Book of Siam." Count Clios is giving an exhibition of his work at the Hongkong Hotel this week.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS WHEN OUR BUDDING HOPE ARE NIPPED BEYOND RECOVERY BY SOME ROUGH WIND, THAT WE ARE THE MOST DISPOSED TO PICTURE TO OURSELVES WHAT FLOWERS THEY MIGHT HAVE BORNE, IF THEY HAD FLOURISHED.—Dickens.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 16 arrivals and four departures, of which three and one respectively were British, leaving 76 vessels in harbour, British 28.

The forthcoming marriage of Mr. John Alexander Fraser, of Taipei, District Officer, (North) to Miss Kathleen Ella Mozley, of Mountain Lodge, Hongkong, is announced.

The Hin Sang, arriving from Sandakan with 51 deck passengers, reports the death of one on route, from phthisis, on July 25. The body was buried at sea on the same day.

It has been reported to the police that, by means of a forged pass-book, a Chinese managed to draw \$2,000 in \$500 notes from the National Commercial Savings Bank of No. 344, Des Vaux Road, Central, between 12.30 and 1 p.m. yesterday.

The driver of Bus No. 101, belonging to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, reports that he accidentally knocked down a boy of fourteen near Che Wo Street yesterday. The boy was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to his legs.

Among the passengers who left by the s.s. Siberia Maru to-day, for Japan and the States, were the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. E. Stewart, Captain E. J. Larcomb, Mr. D. E. Smith, Lieut.-Col. W. C. Russell and Mrs. Russell, Miss L. Loureiro, and Mr. A. E. Wood.

A Chinese coolie was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday from the Tai-koo Dockyard, suffering from serious wounds to the right of his head, caused by a rusty scale falling on him whilst he was at work chipping rust on the s.s. Seang Bee, which was undergoing repairs at the time.

A report was made to the Police yesterday by Mr. C. I. Cooke, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to the effect that his wife lost a gold brooch on which were mounted three Chinese gold cash. The loss was discovered after Mrs. Cooke had reached the Peak Tram Station from Queen's Road Central.

Messrs. W. F. Stevenson and Company of Manila have been advised that the Straits Steamship Company's steamer Talpeng, which grounded near Zamboanga on July 7, has been refloated and towed to Sandakan by the Kinabalu. The Kinabalu has taken over the run of the Talpeng between Zamboanga and Singapore.

A "WHITE LINE"
OFFENCE.FINE FOR CAUSING AN
OBSTRUCTION.

A young Chinese was summoned before Major C. Willson this morning for obstruction of the roadway. In explaining that the summons was taken out under Regulation No. 121 of the Traffic Ordinance, Traffic Sergeant Baker stated that defendant was standing on the white line in Pedder Street, apparently waiting for a tram, when he was told by witness to move into the verandah, as he was obstructing the traffic.

"He replied that he would not move for me," said witness.

A fine of \$6 was imposed.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, July 25.
Paris	124.05
New York	48.74
Brussels	34.93
Geneva	25.20
Amsterdam	12.11
Milan	80.34
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	13.80
Vienna	34.50
Prague	103.7
Helsingfors	102.70
Madrid	23.48
Lisbon	2.7/18
Athens	37.1
Cairo	50.5
Bucharest	5.27/32
Rio	47.4
Buenos Aires	1/6.57/4
Bombay	2/0.3
Shanghai	1/11
Hongkong	1/11.7/82
Yokohama	20.3/16
Silver (spot and forward)	—

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

The retired colonel was defending the climate of India. "All nonsense," he said. "There's no better climate in the world; but there are a lot of young fellows who come out to India, and they eat and they drink, and they die, and then they write home to their friends and tell them that the climate has killed them. Of course, lots of people die in India. Tell me where they don't and I'll go and end my days there."

"Oh, let him in," fair mother said. "He's just the gas inspector." She promptly paid for that remark.

It was a bill collector.

Mr. A. Gill, at Westminster, placed on probation a man of 50 who left prison on May 8.

It was stated that there were 22 convictions against accused, now before the Court for stealing a deed box while waiting for relief.

A powerful appeal for the man was made by the Wesleyan chaplain at Pentonville Prison. He said he thought he could claim to know the psychology and peculiar mentality of the prisoner fairly well. There was a certain amount of childishness about him, and although witness knew his bad record, all his offences had been of a trifling nature. There was a danger, he continued, in sending a man of prisoner's disposition and susceptibilities to mix with expert criminals.

Mr. Gill—You mean you do not think the prisoner's mentality has been sufficiently considered hitherto?—That is my suggestion.

It was stated that work would be found for prisoner by a former employer, and the Magistrate said he would take the exceptional course of binding him over to come up for judgment within a year.

Prisoner, leaving the dock, said he thanked the Magistrate for the clemency extended to him, and he would justify it in every way.

An attractive girl complained to Mr. Snell, the Old-street magistrate, that her lover had taken away her engagement ring by force.

Mr. Snell: Engagement rings belong to the people to whom they have been given. Summon him.

The girl was turning away when Mr. Snell asked, "How much is it worth?"

The girl: £13.5s.

Mr. Snell (with a smile): It would be.

Show me the statistics of a nation's homeowners and I will tell you its happiness.—Major H. L. Nathan.

The work of contemporary British artists is the finest being produced throughout the world to-day.—Sir Joseph Duveen.

Because a woman gets married is no reason why any special privilege should be given to her over a single woman.—Sister Mary Ballard.

Willesden woman: My son plays the piano and, of course, he has a violent temper.

Mr. C. Lee, Willesden magistrate, to a Somerset man accused of being drunk: You people are so thoroughly respectable at home. Why do you alter when you come to London?

Man at Highgate: He said something but I don't know what he said. I answered him back, but I don't know what I said. He hit me, and I remembered no more.

Midland solicitor: What kind of beer do you drink?—Man: Mild; I cannot afford anything else.

Clerk, at Willesden, to a man accused of being drunk: Do you plead guilty? Man: No, I am sure I was all right before I went into the pub.

"Welcome to the Princess" was written on a mirror with a piece of soap by one of the patients at the Kent County Mental Hospital, at Barming Heath, Maidstone, which Princess Mary visited to open the new Nurses' Home and Training School, attached to the hospital.

The Princess was given a great welcome by the townspeople of Maidstone and the hospital staff.

A young bride asked her husband to copy a wireless recipe she wanted. He did his best, but got two stations at once, one of which was broadcasting physical exercises and the other the recipe. This is what he took down:

"Hands on hips, place one cup of flour on the shoulders, raise knees and depress toes, and mix thoroughly in half a cup of milk. Repeat six times. Inhale quickly one-half teaspoonful of baking powder, lower legs, and mash two hard-boiled eggs in a sieve. Exhale, breathe naturally, and sit into bowl."

"Attention! Lie flat on the floor and roll the white of an egg until it comes to boil. In ten minutes remove from the fire and rub smartly with a rough towel. Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels, and serve with fish soup."

The body of a Chinese woman, aged 80, who was drowned by the overturning of a sampan at the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter on Monday morning, has been sent to the Kowloon Mortuary.

DEATH OF DEAN BAKER.**WELL KNOWN SCIENTIST DIES IN MANILA.****A VICTIM OF DYSENTERY.**

Charles Fuller Baker, dean of the College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines, died of chronic dysentery at St. Luke's hospital on Saturday morning, and was 56 years old.

Dean Baker had been in poor health for some years. He entered the hospital on June 30. A week ago it became evident that there was no chance for his recovery.

Dean Baker was born in Lansing, Mich., on March 22, 1872. He was the son of Maj. Joseph Stannard Baker and Alice Potter Baker, and the brother of Ray Stannard Baker, noted magazine writer and publisher, and Hugh Potter Baker. He was educated at the Michigan Agricultural College, from which he obtained the degree of bachelor of science in 1892, and at Stanford University, where he received his master's degree. He was married in 1894 to Ninette Evans of Ft. Collins, Colo.

A Great Botanist.

After a career as instructor in zoology and allied subjects at several American colleges, he was appointed chief of the botanical department of the "Estacion Agronomica" of Santiago de Cuba in 1904. In 1907 he became curator of the Botanical Garden at Para, Brazil. His acquaintance with Latin America was wide, as in 1897-8 he had accompanied the H. B. Smith exploring expedition into the mountains of Colombia as the botanist attached to the party. He had also travelled and explored in Nicaragua, as well as throughout many parts of the United States.

Dean Baker was called to the College of Agriculture at Los Banos fifteen years ago, and served continuously there until ill health forced him to leave his post.

He had resigned, however, effective next November, to accept the chairmanship of the Pan-Pacific Research Board at Honolulu. He recently was given the title of Professor Emeritus by the regents of the university.

The dean had an international reputation as a scientist and educator, and belonged to many scientific societies. He was the author of a volume entitled, "Economic Plants of the World," and other volumes.

Loyalty and Generosity.

For eight years before his death, Charles Fuller Baker, dean of the college of agriculture of the University of the Philippines, lived in a nipa house, slept on a broken bamboo bed, and gave half his salary to fellow-scientists in Europe who had been reduced to poverty after the war.

Other than his collections, which are of priceless value to science but of small intrinsic worth, Dean Baker left virtually no estate.

These facts, known to a few friends but not to the general public, were related by an associate of Dean Baker to a *Bulletin* representative following the news of the dean's death.

His whole career was one of loyalty to his work and enthusiasm for scientific research, say those who knew him best.

Internationally Known.

Dean Baker was internationally known through his insect and botanical collections. In addition to those at Los Banos, he has contributed to specialists in all parts of the world. These collections have been acquired by research committees and scientific schools in Berlin, London, Paris, Madrid, Moscow, and many other cities.

"Dean Baker made these collections because he worshipped research work," one who knew him well said. "He never has benefited financially by this work in spite of the fact that his collections total more than 50,000 specimens. Not long ago he told me that nearly 200 specialists in all parts of the world were making studies of collections he had sent them."

THE U.S. MINISTER TO IRELAND.**MR. STERLING GOES TO DUBLIN.**

London July 25. Mr. F. A. Sterling has gone to Dublin to assume duties as the first American Minister to the Irish Free State.—*Reuter*.

TO-DAY.

Dollars on demand 1/11.15/16
Lighting-up 7.08 p.m.

CONCESSION BY BUS COMPANIES.**HALF FARES FOR SERVICE MEN.**

The Kowloon Residents' Association having been approached to make application, on behalf of Service men, to travel half fare in first class seats, wrote to the several bus companies, and the undernoted replies have been received:

China Motor Bus Co.,
Hongkong, 25th July.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 21st instant, we beg to inform you that this Company has much pleasure in complying with your request, by granting half first class fares to soldiers and sailors travelling in our buses.

Hoping you will kindly notify them to this effect accordingly.—
Yours etc.,
CHINA MOTOR BUS CO.
(Sgd.) NGAN SHING KWAN,
Mng. Partner.

The Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon, 22nd July.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., we beg to inform you that your request, to grant half first class fares to soldiers and sailors using our buses, will be complied with, and all our conductors have been instructed to that effect accordingly.

We wish further to point out to you that half fare will be granted to those travelling first class only; and does not extend to the second class riders, as at present some, though few, of the Service men pay only 5 cents for a distance of two sections, e.g., from the Star Ferry to Kowloon City, which should in all cases be 10 cents. We shall, therefore be pleased if you will kindly bring this point to the Service men also, as you are informing them of our granting half first class fares.

"Thanking you for your request, and assuring you of our hearty co-operation at all times—Yours etc.,

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.,
(Sgd.) L. G. CHONG,
Manager.

SERIOUS ARMS CHARGE.**MAXIMUM SENTENCE IMPOSED ON CHINESE.**

The maximum penalty of a fine of \$1,000, with the alternative of a sentence of one year's hard labour in default, was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court, on a Chinese coolie who was arrested on the "C" deck of the President Cleveland with a parcel containing two Mauser pistols and 200 rounds of ammunition in his possession.

The defendant pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession and said that he had been given the parcel to take to the wharf by a passenger.

According to Sub-Inspector Dorrington, the defendant was seen on the "C" deck in the act of throwing a parcel overboard. The second officer, who was at the time making a tour of inspection of the ship, took the parcel from the accused and on opening it found it to contain the arms and ammunition.

Asked if he had taken the defendant to find the man who had given him the parcel, the second officer told his Worship that the defendant was not inclined to search for the man, but appeared to be anxious to leave the ship.

His Worship discredited the defendant's story, and imposed the maximum sentence.

THE RAINFALL.**TWENTY INCHES MORE THAN NORMAL.**

Contrary to general expectations the rainfall for the 24 hours ending at ten o'clock this morning was not as much as fell during the previous 24 hours when the first "blow" occurred. During the 24 hours ending at ten o'clock yesterday morning the rainfall was 3.295, while up to ten o'clock this morning, it was 2.640 inches.

Yesterday's rain was fairly steady with showers, occasionally heavy, while sometimes it almost stopped or became a drizzle. A fairly heavy shower was recorded at the Observatory at six o'clock yesterday afternoon when nearly half an inch of rain fell. Further heavy showers occurred at nine and ten o'clock in the evening. The biggest shower fell at five o'clock this morning, when the Observatory recorded three quarters of an inch.

The total rainfall since January 1st, this year is 69.00 inches against a yearly average of 49 inches, taken on the past 44 years since the Observatory was opened. Thus Hongkong has this year already had 20 inches more rain than normal.

STAR FERRY WHARF ALTERATIONS.**MORE CONVENIENCES FOR PASSENGERS.****THE DELAY EXPLAINED.**

The improvements and structural alterations which are now in progress on the Hongkong wharf of the Star Ferry Company, will probably be finished at the end of August, it was learned on enquiry this morning. Users will then find that the Company has catered extensively for their wants, especially in the matter of boarding the boats and in disembarking.

Before the alterations were started, there was considerable confusion between passengers going on and coming off, by reason of the entrance and exit paths merging into one a short distance from the Praya entrance.

Entrance Widened.

There were two shops, one on each side of the entrance, and one of the first steps was to remove the cigarette and paper stall and re-erect it on the other side, thereby considerably widening the entrance. Other alterations have been effected with a view to making the path to the wharf perfectly straight and unobstructed from end to end.

When the work is finished there will be a barrier along the wharf section from the boat gangway to the Praya, so that first class passengers disembarking will walk along one side of the barrier and incoming passengers will be on the other side, thus separating the two groups in a simple but efficient manner. Also, two big signs, "In" and "Out", have been erected near the entrance, one each side of the barrier. At night these will be illuminated, and will indicate which side of the wharf a ferry is leaving.

Another Gangway.

A further big improvement is the building of another gangway and entrance which will enable passengers to board a ferry immediately all the incoming passengers have disembarked, without waiting for the present gangway to be clear before the gate is opened.

In addition the completed work will result in a greater space being available for waiting passengers.

We were informed this morning that it was hoped to finish the alterations at the end of this month, but matters had been delayed to a certain extent by considerably more under-water work than had been anticipated.

It is not proposed at the present time to effect any alterations at the Kowloon wharf, as owing to the different lay-out, the exit and entrance of passengers is a much more simple matter and does not give rise to confusion.

Heavy Gangways.

It was suggested by the Kowloon Residents' Association some time ago that wider gangways on the ferries would be both an improvement and more convenient. The new boats which were put on the run last year are fitted with wider gangways than the older and smaller boats, and we are able to state that experiments are at present being made with larger gangways, but so far no definite conclusions have been arrived at.

One of the difficulties in this respect which has to be taken into consideration is the weight of larger gangways, as at present they are lowered and drawn up by man-power, and the larger they are the heavier they are likely to be. The experiments are being conducted with a view to constructing gangways which will be bigger but not too heavy.

With regard to the suggested three-minute service during rush hours, no definite information was forthcoming, but it seems likely that the present five-minute service will be unchanged.

UNITED ABSBESTOS.**LOSS ON YEAR'S TRADING.**

A loss on trading of \$13,662.74 which with other items is brought up to a net deficit of \$15,910.32 on the year, is revealed in the report and accounts of the United Asbestos Orient Agency, Limited, which have been circulated to-day by the General Managers, Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd.

The statement of Accounts, which is up to May 31st last, shows that the balance at the debit of the Profit and Loss Account (after deducting the credit balance of \$4,163.90 which was brought forward from last year) is \$1,750.42 which is carried forward to a new account.

Auditors—The accounts now presented have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis, who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

LOCAL TRADE REVIVAL.**MEETING OF THE TWO CHAMBERS UNLIKELY.**

In connexion with the efforts which are being made by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to bring about a revival of local trade, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, the Secretary of the Chamber, on Friday last sent the following letter to the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce:

"The question of the Colony's continued unsatisfactory trade condition has engaged the attention of my committee for some time, and we have had several meetings to discuss ways and means to remedy this state of affairs.

"As this question concerns the business of members of your Chamber no less than it does purely Chinese trade, I am directed to ask if your committee care to meet representatives from my committee, to exchange views on the subjects. If your committee are agreeable to this, will you kindly fix the date and place for such meeting, so that our representatives may call on you?"

The following letter was yesterday addressed by Mr. M. F. Key, the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber, to Mr. Ip Lan-chuen:

"I am directed to thank you for your letter of 22nd July suggesting a conference with the Chinese Chamber on the continued unsatisfactory trade conditions in the Colony.

"The Committee of the General Chamber equally deplores the present state of affairs but fears that no substantial improvement in Hongkong trade is likely, until there is a settled China. When peace and good government prevail, especially in the Liang Kaang, the prosperity of Hongkong will undoubtedly be secured and greatly increased.

"If this view is correct there would seem to be little use in meeting to discuss remedies which are beyond the power of the two Chambers to bring about. Nevertheless, if the Chinese Chamber will be so good as to indicate the lines along which they think something might be done to effect an improvement, this Chamber would be happy to take part in a discussion if there appears prospect of benefit being derived from it."

SATURDAY'S BAND CONCERT.**THE SEASON AT LEE GARDENS.**

Those who have attended the concerts given by the Band of the Camerons at the Lee Gardens have been loud in their praise of the ideal setting for these popular events, and of the high standard of ability of this band under the capable baton of Mr. Horace E. Dowell, L.R.A.M.

For the fifth concert, which is to be held on Saturday next, an excellent programme has been arranged, and an added attraction has been provided by the inclusion of Astorff, the talented dancer. The costumes worn by this clever artiste in the various dances are really gorgeous.

A large number of their patrons having suggested that 9.30 is rather late to commence the Concert, the promoters have decided to start in future at 9 p.m.

Refreshments are provided by Lane, Crawford Ltd.

DISSENSION IN GERMANY.**REPUBLICAN PARTY SPLIT.**

Berlin, July 25.

A crisis in the Republican organisation known as the Reichsbanner has reached a climax owing to Chancellor Marx resigning membership as a protest against the recent behaviour of the leaders, especially in connexion with the Vienna riots, which he described as "unjustified interference with the political affairs of Austria, and an insult to the Austrian Government."

The news has caused surprise in Republican circles, as the Reichsbanner in 1925 launched a campaign nominating Marx as a candidate for the Presidency in opposition to Von Hindenburg.—*Reuter*.

THE TRADE UNION BILL.**PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF LORDS.**

London, July 25.

The House of Lords has passed the third reading of the Trade Union Bill, by 86 to 17.—*Reuter*.

DEALING IN ARMS AT SHANGHAI.**TWO AMERICANS FOUND GUILTY.****"PUTTING ONE OVER."**

In the U. S. Court for China W. W. Worthington and S. Chalet charged on the three counts of carrying concealed weapons, attempted sale of 10 pistols and with violating the Treaty of Tientsin by dealing in contraband articles, were found guilty by his Honour Judge Purdy, on the third count, sentence being deferred.

The first and second counts were dismissed by Judge Purdy at the commencement on the grounds that the facts were not sufficient to show an offence in any but the third count of the charge, which offence is punishable under the blanket law of the District of Columbia Code, 910.

Dr. George Sellet, prosecuting after the U. S. Government, thereafter presented to the court certain salient points in the testimony of previous witnesses in an endeavour to break down the story of Mr. Worthington relative to his having been working with sanction of the municipal police in an attempt to apprehend arms dealers and to confiscate the arms. It was pointed out by the District Attorney that according to the testimony of Det-Insp. Hunter not a single protest had been made by Chalet when he and the other accused were first arrested regarding their innocence. Further it was extraordinary, the District Attorney pointed out to the court, that no definite understanding had existed between Worthington and Capt. Clarke who, according to the former's testimony, had let Worthington make all the arrangements towards apprehending the arms' dealers, without any definite understanding as to how Worthington was to fare should they be apprehended.

In conclusion of his resume, Dr. Sellet said, "It seems to me from all the evidence which has been produced that Mr. Worthington went to Capt. Clarke and made friends with the police in order to protect himself in the event of his being apprehended."

The Judge's Decision.

In giving his decision, Judge Purdy said: "It isn't very difficult for me to reach the conclusion that a lawyer as experienced as Mr. Worthington, if he wanted to put over an arms' deal would be adroit enough to know that mentioning it to the police might come in good stead. I think that Mr. Worthington himself tried in common parlance, to 'put one over on the court' with his story and I am satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that they were engaged in dealing in contraband arms."

Following which his Honour indicated that sentence would be passed on Friday morning and that in the meantime the accused were to be out on the same bail.

LORD SWAYTHLING'S FORTUNE.**PERSONAL PROPERTY WORTH £400,000.**

London, July 25.
Lord Swaythling left unsettled personal estate of £400,000.—*Reuter*.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be founded on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1.—Where is Mount Erebus? Why is it so named?
- 2.—How far up the River Amazon do ocean-going steamers travel?
- 3.—To what family did Cleopatra belong?
- 4.—What is the highest lake in the world?
- 5.—What was the Hairy Ainos?
- 6.—What European was a member of the Imperial Court of China?
- 7.—What is a liprechaun?
- 8.—What fruit pest is commercially valuable?
- 9.—From what is sherry wine named?
- 10.—How many towns are named Santiago?
- 11.—What is Aldebaran?
- 12.—What is maitre?
- 13.—Who was called "The Last of the English"?
- 14.—Where does the phrase "Arms and the man" occur?
- 15.—Who is the patron saint of Paris?

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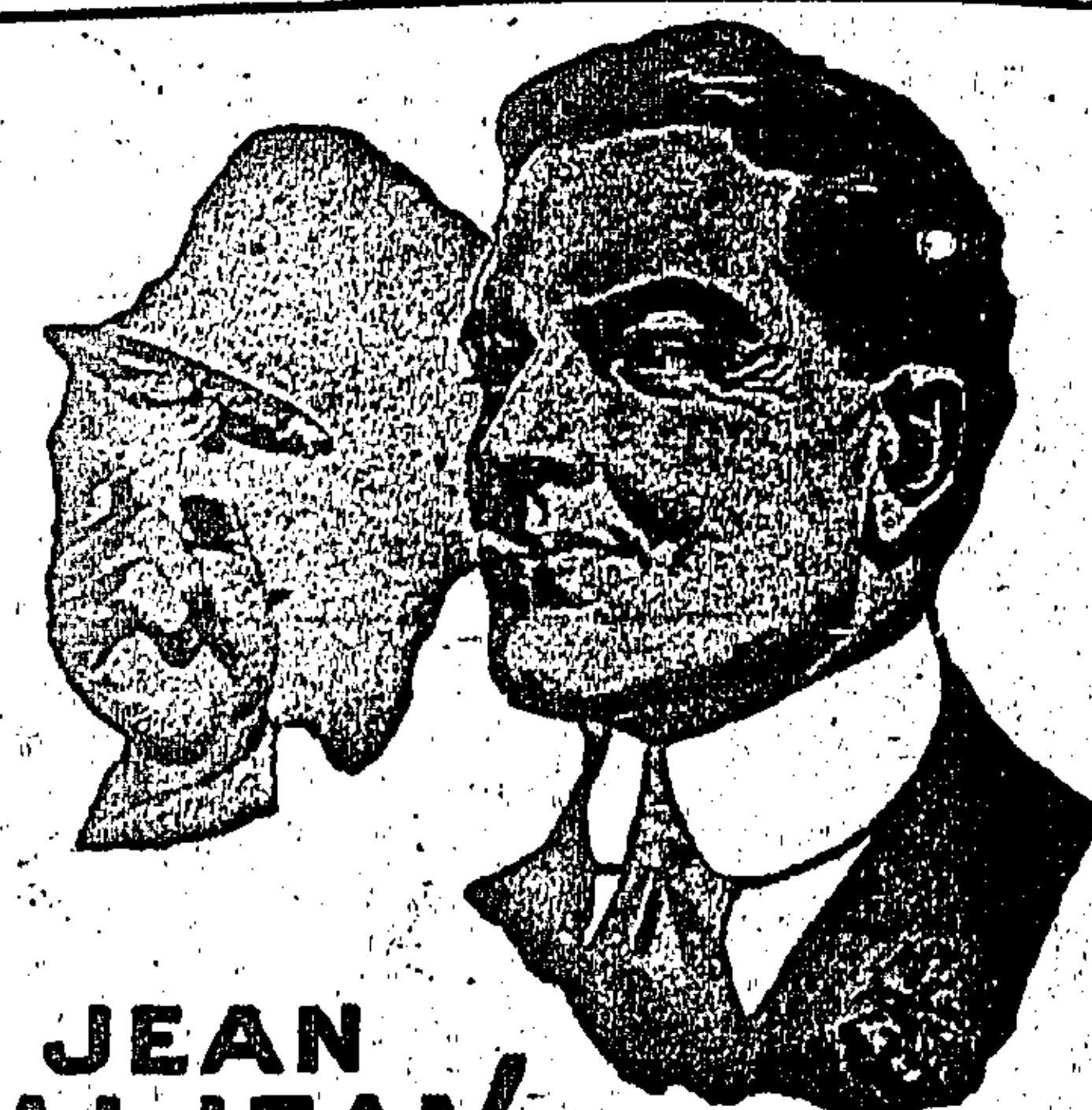
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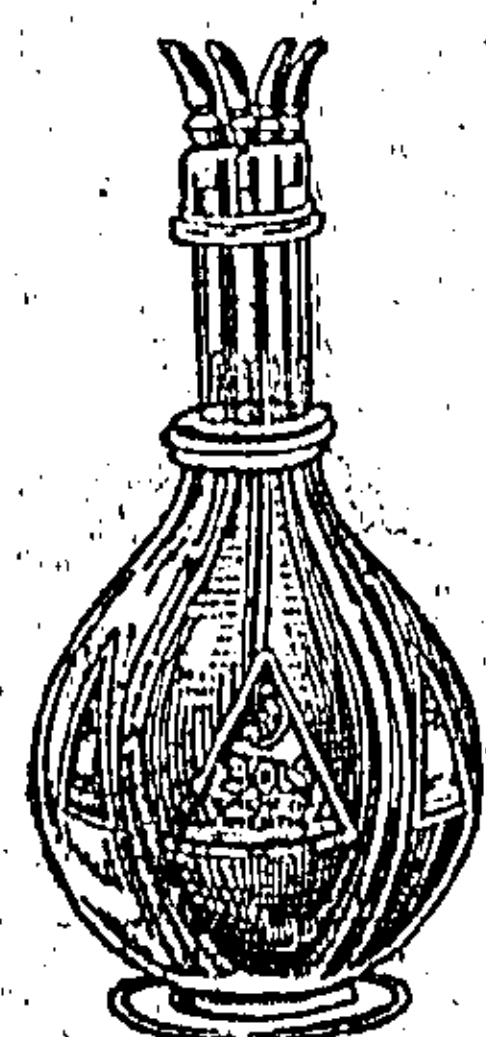
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DEMPSEY V. TUNNEY.

CHICAGO ENTERS BID FOR BATTLE.

Chicago, July 21.—Dempsey's victory over Sharkey has inspired Chicago to make a bid for the world championship between Dempsey and Tunney. The city hopes to land the big fight for Soldiers Field here. Rickard is said to favour the plan. The Soldier Field stadium could doubtless accommodate a sufficient crowd to live up to the promoters' expectations. Once the fight there were 110,000 in the stands alone, and plenty of room was left in the field itself for an additional 40,000 around the ring. Rickard, himself, however, would be barred the provisions of the state boxing law, which require the promoter to be a resident of Illinois. Tox might be able to get around this by standing the battle in the name of an associate.—Associated Press.

Two Big Fights.

New York, July 21.—Two big fights to-day blazed the trail Jack Dempsey has mapped out to carry him back to boxing supremacy over all the world. The first is a return fight with Gene Tunney in September. The third is a bout not later than September, 1928, for defence of the title Dempsey would win back by downing Tunney. Dempsey is bronzed and healthy, carefree and confident, weighing less than 200 with the slightest bit of overfullness in his cheeks. "He looks great to me," exclaimed Rickard on Dempsey's arrival yesterday. "Snappy, light on his feet, clear eyes and he carries himself as he did when he was a kid in this business."

U. S. BASEBALL.

THE LEAGUE STANDINGS.

The following were the League standings on Saturday:

National League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	55	33	.625
Pittsburgh	51	33	.607
St. Louis	50	38	.568
New York	48	46	.511
Brooklyn	40	48	.456
Cincinnati	36	51	.412
Boston	34	49	.409
Philadelphia	34	52	.396

American League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	65	25	.722
Washington	51	36	.586
Detroit	49	38	.563
Chicago	47	44	.513
Philadelphia	44	44	.500
Cleveland	38	53	.413
St. Louis	36	50	.418
Boston	25	64	.281

RUBBER OUTPUT QUADRUPLD.

NEW PROCESS WILL REVOLUTIONISE INDUSTRY.

New York, July 20.

Scientists experimenting in rubber plantations in the Dutch East Indies owned by American tyre companies have developed a system of bud grafting whereby the yield of rubber trees can be increased four-fold, according to an article in the *Herald Tribune* of to-day.

Frank Henderson, president of the New York Rubber exchange, says that the discovery is tremendous and means that the rubber industry has solved its problems from the inside, without the need of going further with synthetic manufacture.

The principles of bud grafting were evolved by Luther Burbank. The article predicts that the price of crude rubber will be cut from 25 cents (gold) to 10 cents a pound, through development of the new bud grafting system.—Associated Press.

OUTSPOKEN FRENCH MINISTER.

AMERICA'S ASSURANCE EXPLAINED.

Washington, July 25.—The Mellon-Boraher debt agreement between France and the United States of America is as good as a dead, was the opinion of the French Minister, M. Andre Tardieu, in an outspoken interview, declaring that as France regards her debt as part of the United States contribution towards the war, no French Government would take the responsibility of binding France to 62-year debt payments.

He ascribed the bulk of the Franco-American misunderstanding to America's "wonderful assurance" that she alone knows what is right, and this assurance is based on the worship of worldly goods.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FLOOD PROBLEMS.

HOW KWANGTUNG CAN SOLVE THEM.

\$35,000,000 REQUIRED.

We have received the seventh annual report of the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, covering the period July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, showing the projected schemes in flood prevention and control in that province, as well as the work already accomplished. The report is signed by Mr. E. S. Tai, the Board's director, and Major G. W. Olivecrona, the Engineer-in-Chief. The report opens with a synopsis, in which it is stated: "The political unrest in the Province has, naturally, much hampered the Board's work during the period under review. The prevailing unsafety to life and limb, when travelling in the country, together with a disorganized political administration, made it difficult for the Board to carry on necessary field work and to put into execution various works, for which the country people had already declared their willingness to subscribe funds."

Funds Limited.

Local projects for flood protection, all over the Province, are urgently calling for attention; but owing to limited funds the Board is continually unable to finance either the local projects or their own extensive schemes. The Board has, therefore, been obliged to limit its activities to such work as can be met by available means, but at the same time the Board has acted as advisory authority to a number of communities, which has local flood protection projects on their programme. The financing of the Board's schemes is a problem, the solution of which has still to be faced. Without a strong public support it will not be possible for the Board to carry out its plans. It is, therefore, necessary that the public as well as the provincial Government, should give to the Board adequate financial as well as moral encouragement.

The work at the hydrographic stations has been carried on as during preceding years, but only a few surveys have been made.

In regard to construction work some dyke repairs have been made on the North and East rivers, and also some complementary work in connexion with the Lupao control sluice. The major part of the year's work has been carried out at Sunglung on the West River, where the construction of the control sluice was resumed at the beginning of the low water season. Simultaneously the reconstruction of the Silum, Talam, and King Fook dykes on the same river was carried on, and partly completed. The conditions during the flood season of 1925 were favourable. All the rivers showed exceptionally low waters.

During the first month of 1926, however, the West River rose on several occasions to heights unusual for this season of the year, causing interruption of the work for a time, but without any serious calamities to the farmers.

The Whampoa Scheme.

By request of the Commissioner of Reconstruction and the Mayor of Canton, the writer has compiled a preliminary scheme for the construction of a commercial harbour at Whampoa. This scheme has, however, not been made public by the Board, as the question of providing an outer harbour for Canton has been entirely left over to a special commission.

The following amounts, inter alia, were actually expended during the period under review:

On repairing the Cheklung wash-out, East River section, \$10,350. Hongkong currency; in the North River region, the Fulkong dyke, Samshui, was strengthened in part at a cost of H.K. \$2,220; work on a rivulet of the Sunglung control sluice and dykes, West River, afterwards washed away and thus wasted, H.K. \$3,000; and main work on the Sunglung Valley scheme, H.K. \$265,983.

During the fiscal year, the amounts received from land rents, conservancy and flood accounts, and so forth, amounted to H.K. \$354,376.

Flood Problems.

In the course of a lecture to the students of the Canton Christian College, recently, Major Olivecrona sketched the flood problem of Kwangtung in a very able and comprehensive manner. Having dealt in detail with all the points requiring consideration in the various districts, he concluded:

Summing up what has been said, it is obvious that: firstly, reforestation as a means of lowering the present floods, is not to be relied upon, but would, even if it should have some influence on the flow, postpone the salvation of the country for an indefinite period of time; secondly, that creating

RUSSIANS REPORTED EXECUTED.

MEN ARRESTED IN CHINESE RAID.

The fate of the six Russians arrested on Monday last week, aboard the steamer Henli, Soviet-chartered ship, is shrouded in mystery. Chinese military officials questioned on Wednesday, either stated that they did not know or gave unsatisfactory answers, says the *Shanghai Times*.

The raid on the ship took place on Monday night and was conducted by Chinese military authorities who boarded the vessel as she was lying in the river at Pootung, directly across the stream from the Settlement Bund. It was freely predicted on Wednesday that the 14 Chinese arrested in the raid will be dealt severe punishment, probably execution. The same fate may be meted out to the Russians, or possibly has been done so already, it was stated.

Five of the six arrested Russians are alleged to have been prominently identified with Communist and Soviet affairs.

Their Careers.

One man, Serge Rolland, is reported to have been a former chief military advisor to Chiang Kai-shek and quite recently was chief of staff to General Gallen. S. Daillin, another of the arrested, is said to have been the organizer of the Young Communist Party in China and also agent of the Third Internationale. Two others, one Sergieff and one Tolstoy, were formerly connected with the aviation department of the Wu-Han Government, it is alleged. Grishin, the fifth man, was on his way to Soviet Russia from Canton at the time of his arrest.

From Chinese sources it was learned that the accused, including the Russians and one man who claims to be a Korean will be executed if found guilty by a military court. Rumours were current that the trial of the men was held on Tuesday night and that the execution took place on a piece of vacant ground near Chinese military headquarters on the following morning. This, however, could not be verified.

new outlets to the sea is out of the question; thirdly, that reservoirs, even if possible to construct, would only give a very slight relief from floods, and would in time lose their storing capacity on account of silting; and fourthly, that cut-offs and dredging of the river bottom, though advisable in some instances, would not alone be effective in lowering the water level, that would give permanent security against overflow of the present dykes.

The previous investigations show that an improvement of the general flood conditions, within limits of available resources, cannot be derived from efforts to reduce the high water level. The remaining means to be taken into consideration agree with the conception of previous generations that an effective system of dykes bordering the main river as well as the tributaries and channels, where adjoined by low-lying land, thus confining the floods within stable limits, would give the protection needed against inundation.

Proposals of The Board.

I will now give you a short description of the principal feature of the work which has been proposed by the Board of Conservancy Works, in order to prevent the yearly recurring flooding of the river valleys and delta.

The present dyke systems along the main should be strengthened by substantial earthfill, and protected on the river side against scouring. Their heights should be increased to level at least 3 feet above the expected highest water level. The highest water level shall be determined with the assumption that the river carries its total maximum discharge between the embankments. Where no dykes exist, new ones should be constructed. Creeks and channels now breaking off the continuity of the dyke systems should be closed; the smaller ones by ordinary flood gates, permanently shut during flood time; the larger ones by movable dams, which will permit the regulation of flow in these channels. By thus confining the floods to the main rivers, an immense length of dykes, which now border the innumerable branch channels, will be superfluous. It must be borne in mind that these dykes penetrating far into the interior must, as conditions are at present, be constructed to the same height and strength as the objects along the main river. In cases where these dykes should be necessary to maintain an for instance along a channel in which the flow is restricted by a movable dam, they do not

THE NEGROS DISASTER.

BOARD'S SEVERE FINDING.

The special Board of Investigation, which has been enquiring into the disaster to the s.s. *Negros*, which sank on May 26th, while engaged on inter-island trading, and which resulted in the drowning of 65 passengers, 12 crew, Capt. J. Altonago and the Chief Engineer, has just returned its finding, which constitutes a severe criticism.

The finding reads as follows:— "After carefully reviewing all the evidence presented and considering the facts and circumstances concerning in this sad disaster, the Board finds:

1. That the weather prevailing at the time of the loss of the "Negros" was not sufficient to have caused her to capsize had she been seaworthy, i.e., in a stable condition;

2. That due to the negligence of the Captain and Chief Officer, she was improperly loaded and carried an excessive number of passengers improperly accommodated;

3. That the above conditions of the ill-fated vessel rendered her unstable and, therefore, unsuitable, and caused her to capsize and sink;

4. That a considerable number of persons were carried on board as passengers and members of the crew whose names do not appear either in the passenger manifests or in the shipping articles;

5. That the number of persons carried on-board at the time was in excess of that provided for by her life-saving equipment (lifeboats and life-rafts), and permitted by her Certificate of Inspection;

6. That for such excess of persons, no special permit was secured from the Bureau of Customs;

7. That negligence on the part of the Captain, Chief Officer and Engineers contributed to the unnecessary heavy toll of life;

8. That the crew were untrained for such emergencies at sea as fire and boat drills on board had been neglected; and

9. That there was general negligence and lack of discipline, particularly on the part of the Captain and Officers, both deck and engine, tantamount to irresponsibility and incompetence.

The Board also made certain recommendations.

THE EGYPTIAN KING VISITS 'CHANGE.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME.

London, July 25.

King Fuad of Egypt visited the Stock Exchange to-day. He was given a cordial reception, and business was practically suspended during his stay.—*British Wireless.*

need to have the same height as the main dykes, but could be of a much cheaper structure. In other words, they would become of only secondary importance, and would be needed only for local purposes.

More Velocity. Concentrating the flow in a few channels will naturally increase its velocity, but this would only be an advantage. The silting would decrease, and the river bottom be lowered by scouring.

Following the course of the West River, the first dyke system met with is above Shuihung. The dykes on both shores should be constructed on the whole length down to Motomun, and the necessary flood gates and regulation dams erected. In the Delta a number of channels should be permanently closed by embankments.

The same principle should be applied to the North and East Rivers.

Regarding the Pearl River dykes, their upkeep will become a purely local affair, as the proposed regulation dams at Lapak, Suinam, and Shaihow will make possible each reduction of the flow that no danger of flooding is expected.

It is evident that the closing up of several channels during flood time by means of gates and dams is objectionable if looked upon from the interests of the shipping; but this nuisance would only last for a short period every year. The salvation of the people from the frequent inundations must carry more weight than a few weeks' inconvenience in transportation. Security to the people favourable conditions of life and means will be found to satisfy other needs.

Probable Cost.

Finally, a few words regarding the cost that would be involved in the completion of the scheme. West river work, H.K. \$19,500,000; North River, H.K. \$10,900,000; East River, H.K. \$4,600,000; a total of H.K. \$35,000,000. The total area that would be saved would include 8,000 square miles of cultivated land.

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BE AMENDED?

HAS CONGRESS THE POWER?

Senator Jose P. Laurel of Manila, writer on constitutional law, issued a verbal challenge last night to any one who doubts the power of Congress to give the Philippines independence. He made the statement in connection with the resolution passed by the American chamber of commerce on Tuesday declaring that only the states of the Union have that power and suggesting a constitutional amendment as the only solution to the Philippine problem.

Members of the legislature are unanimous in the belief that Congress has plenary powers to do as it pleases with the Philippines and express surprise that a question they believed long settled by America's public officials and legal minds should again be put in issue. They consider the resolution as an attempt to belittle the "real issue."

Senator Laurel said: "The acquisition of the Philippine Islands by the United States as a result of war between this country and Spain did not annex the Philippine Islands within the purview of the United States Constitution. The Constitution, in its entirety, does not apply to the Philippine Islands. While the Philippine Islands may be said to be a part of the 'American Empire,' they have not actually been incorporated into the American Union. They are, according to Mr. Justice Brown, a mere possession appertaining and belonging to the United States. As the sovereign authority in the Philippines, the United States, according to Chief Justice Marshall, has plenary power over the Philippines, subject to fundamental limitations contained in the Constitution, and this power undoubtedly includes the granting of independence without the necessity of awaiting any mandate from the states of the American Union."

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THE CONTROL OF
DIAMONDS.THE ACTION OF THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVT.

In rejecting the South African Government's Bill for the control of the diamond industry the Senate has not shown disapproval of the Bill as a whole, but only of certain confiscatory clauses which smack of Socialism.

It is, indeed, universally recognized that if the price of diamonds is to be maintained, the supply must be regulated. The recent discovery of new diamond fields and alluvial deposits indicates clearly that the output of these precious stones could readily be increased to such an extent that the price might be seriously affected. It is to the interest of everybody concerned, from the South African Government, which makes about \$2,000,000 a year out of its diamond royalties, to the private owner who has paid high prices in the past, to see the industry put upon a thoroughly sound footing.

The main features of the Bill were welcomed by everyone, and that being the case it is reasonable to hope that when it is reintroduced in October a spirit of compromise will prevail and it will be passed without acrimonious discussion. Meanwhile it will be interesting to see if the various producers will sink their differences and come to a temporary amicable agreement to control the output of diamonds in the interests of the industry as a whole and of the workpeople who depend upon it for their livelihood.—Daily Mail.

HONGKONG-MANILA
RADIO.

LINKS CHINESE CITIES TO P. I.

Commenting further on the opening of their circuit to Hongkong, on Saturday, the Radio Corporation of the Philippines states that additional service via Hongkong is available to Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, and Manila, the rate being 13 centavos per word. There is also available service to Canton, Swatow, Hoihow, Wuchow, and Kongmoon at 45 centavos per word.

To the last mentioned places, the office of destination collects its own delivery charge from the addressee.

OUR DAILY TALK ON
HEALTH.YOU CAN'T KEEP WELL ON
SKIMPED SLEEP.

THE ESSENTIALS OF REST.

When a person is fatigued, he rests, and by the material processes of the body tends to recover from fatigue during the resting period. The earliest books of hygiene known to mankind recognized this factor and took it into account.

The amount of sleep necessary at various periods in life varies. Whereas the child of from 4 to 6 years of age should sleep from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and take a one hour nap in the afternoon, the child from 12 to 14 may sleep from 8.30 p.m. until 7 a.m. without taking a nap.

The growing boy or girl between the ages of 14 to 18 should sleep nine or ten hours, preferably between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., rather than between 1 a.m. and 11 a.m. of the following day. The person of 18 years of age should try to sleep eight hours each night, although it is recognized that some persons are able to do with less.

Inability to sleep, or insomnia, is sometimes due to physical conditions, but is also due largely to the establishment of habits. If one has established the habit of going to sleep easily and at a regular hour and of relaxing the body systematically at the time of going to sleep, he will probably have much less trouble with insomnia than if he attempts to sleep at varying periods and indulges in constant variations of the sleeping performance.

A mind that is disturbed is not easily lulled to rest. Certain things, such as caffeine, have the power of lowering the threshold for stimulation of the thinking portion of the brain, and persons who are sensitive to caffeine should avoid the use of tea and coffee, particularly before going to sleep.

It is generally well recognized that a walk in the open air or a drive with plenty of fresh air induces to sleepiness and that a warm bath or a warm drink has a sedative quality.

A person who is unable to sleep because of constant worry should seek expert advice, since he is falling into mental habits that may lead to serious final effects.

A KINGLY TRIBUTE.



The King of the Belgians, who has paid a tribute to British arms on the occasion of the unveiling of the Menin Gate memorial.

LA MINERVA FACTORY
INSOLVENT.

BIG MANILA CIGAR CONCERN.

"La Minerva Cigar Factory," one of the large cigar factories in Manila, was on Friday declared insolvent by Judge George Harvey at the request of the directors. The application says the company is indebted for Pesos 224,357.35 while its actual value of the company is only Pesos 50,735.09. The application was approved on July 14.

The court ordered the sheriff to take possession of all the property until an assignee is appointed. It also ordered creditors to meet at the office of the sheriff on August 15 to elect an assignee.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 27th July to 2nd August, 1927.

High Water.		Low Water.	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Wed. 27	10 40	Thurs. 28	10 40
Thurs. 28	10 40	Friday 29	10 40
Friday 29	10 40	Satur. 30	10 40
Satur. 30	10 40	Sund. 31	10 40
Sund. 31	10 40	Mon. 1	10 40
Mon. 1	10 40	Tues. 2	10 40

ANOTHER BORODIN
STORY.HOW HE LIVED FOR TEN
YEARS IN CHICAGO.

WAS A SCHOOLMASTER.

Jacob Borodin, who is now said to be leaving Hankow for good, lived in Chicago for ten years and became very well-known there, according to a newspaper article in one of the publications of that city. We quote:

"Borodin was active here under the name of Mitchell Berg, studied in the Valparaiso University and later became the head of a preparatory school on the Northwest Side. Hundreds of graduates of his school are now leading physicians, attorneys and men of other professions in Chicago."

Reports concerning this which were circulated here were confirmed to-day by Dr. Henry R. Krasnow of 3915 Jackson Blvd., secretary of the Russian Medical Society and a very intimate friend of Berg. Dr. Krasnow had also been the secretary of Berg's preparatory school.

"I knew him as a romantic figure, an idealist, who always craved to be a leader," said Dr. Krasnow. "He was a restless soul, but he was never a communist or an anarchist. He was known as a man with abilities of diplomatic statesmanship."

"In 1908 both of us studied in Valparaiso. He called himself Michael Gruzenberg, which he shortened later to Mitchell Berg. While in Valparaiso he also met his wife, a student, at that time known as Fania Orlik. A year later, after they were married, Berg and I opened in Hull House a school in which we taught foreign elementary and advanced subjects."

"A few months later we rented our own space on Twelfth and Newberry streets and named the school the Progressive Preparatory School, which was the first one of that kind in Chicago."

Succeeded in School.

"We were succeeding with our school. Berg's popularity grew. His dynamic, restless soul, it seemed, quieted down for a while until the revolutionary hurricane swept Russia, the Russian Czar abdicated, and the government went to Prince Lvov. Berg celebrated then the freedom of the enslaved Russia with an elaborate ball. Later when Kerensky came into power and his ambassador, Boris Bachmetiev, visited this country, rumours were circulated that Berg was to become consul general of Chicago."

"He was not a communist at that time, for he very bitterly opposed Lenin in 1917, when he tried to take the power into his hands. But later he gradually changed his views and in 1918 he suddenly disappeared from Chicago, presumably after he got a communication from Lenin to come immediately to Moscow."

Mysteriously Left Family.

"He turned over his school to his wife, who two years later sold it."

"His disappearance was not merely a mystery to his friends, but also to his family. And though he made here several secret visits, no one, not even his family, knew it."

"Two years later, however, the family joined him in Moscow. The reports that Berg deserted his family are lies. He loved them and merely his ideal forced him to bring that sacrifice."

"Soviet leaders now consider Berg as the most probable candidate for ambassador to the United States in the event Russia will be given its recognition by the American government. We in Chicago expect still more from Berg. Just 'watch and see.' There is a very substantial probability that some day Berg, the one who helped many Chicago foreigners become Americanized, will become head of the Soviet government. He has the abilities for that."

1,500 MILE AIR SERVICE.

MANY PLACES LINKED UP.

Washington, July 26. The contract for the Key West-Havana airmail route has been awarded to the Pan-American Airways corporation. This is the first step in the 1,500 mile air service for mail and passenger transport to Central and South American countries.

J. K. Montgomery, vice president of the Pan-American company, said that the proposed service would link the United States, Cuba, British Honduras, Guatemala, San Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama and the Canal Zone. It would connect with steamship services to the west and north coasts of South America, he stated.—Associated Press.

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MOOREA	10,953	19th Aug.	Shanghai
NAGPORE	5,233	30th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KHYBER	9,114	2nd Sept.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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WEST POINT CASE.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENT ON
POLICE METHODS.

The case in which Percy Sidney Lai is charged with unlawfully resisting search in Queen's Road West, near Belcher's Street, and also assaulting, resisting, and willfully obstructing, Sergeant Haywood in the execution of his duty, was continued before Major C. Willson yesterday.

The defendant was represented by Mr. Geo. K. Hall Brutton. There is a counter-summons against the Sergeant for assault.

A small boy employed at a tailor's shop in Queen's Road West said he saw the defendant about to turn into 590 Queen's Road West when Sergeant Haywood shouted "Hey," and laid a hand on the defendant's shoulder. Defendant spoke to the Sergeant in English and witness was not able to say what the words were, but he saw the sergeant then clout him on the face.

Chow Sik-chau, who had been assisting in the rehearsal arranged by the defendant's mother at Tai Ping Theatre, also gave evidence of the assault. It was this witness who brought the defendant's mother to the scene.

Mother's Evidence.

The defendant's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Lai Chai Ohai, said that when she saw her son on the ground with the sergeant kneeling on him, she asked "What's the matter?" The sergeant told her to "shut up." On explaining that the assaulted person was her son, she was told to get out or she would be arrested for interfering. She described how the defendant was marched to the station with his hands twisted behind his back.

Mr. Brutton explained that at a previous hearing he had used a wrong word. The Captain Superintendent of Police had not recommended these proceedings then as stated, but on being interviewed had explained that since it was intended to take a summons against the Sergeant the matter had better be thrashed out in court.

The Legal Side.

Mr. Brutton then addressed the Magistrate on the legal aspects of the charge. He said that the defendant was charged under the section dealing with resisting search for arms, whereas the Sergeant had, in his own evidence, stated that he did not suspect the defendant to have done anything more than stealing clothing. He added that arms never crossed the officer's mind and that had a cross-summons not been taken out against the Sergeant he would have asked his Worship to discharge his client immediately after the Sergeant had said, when being cross-examined, that he had suspected the defendant of theft of clothing. Mr. Brutton added then a man stood arraigned only on the charge brought against him. His client had been charged with resisting search under the Arms Ordinance, and as the Sergeant when he stopped the defendant only suspected him of stealing clothing, the defendant was entitled to be discharged for resisting a search for arms. There was no such thought in the Sergeant's mind and the charge was unquestionably an afterthought.

Charge Unsupported.

Mr. Brutton added that no one, no judge and no court in the world could possibly say that when a charge was brought against a man under a certain Ordinance and the evidence given by the prosecutor himself was something entirely different, the man faced with the charge was guilty. He added that when a man went up to the Sessions he was charged on the indictment and the evidence must support the indictment. In the present instance, Mr. Brutton contended that the evidence did not support a charge of resisting a search for arms.

As regards the second charge of resisting the Sergeant in the execution of his duty, Mr. Brutton stated that if it was found that the Sergeant did not originally intend to search for arms then the whole case must go. Mr. Brutton added that he was confident that his Worship could not take any other step in this case except the acquittal of the defendant and the dismissal of the charges under the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance.

The Magistrate questioned whether the second charge could be stated to be under the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance and Mr. Brutton replied that the events should be traced back to the offence. The sergeant was resisted in his search for arms. How could that be so, if the Sergeant in his own words did not stop the defendant to search for arms but only suspected the defendant of having stolen clothing?

A Policeman's Way.

Major Willson: Can you suggest any group of the pursuit?

THE ADVENTURES OF MODERN DRAKE.

REBELS THREATEN TO
SHOOT HIM.

Captain Drake, whose hazardous 54-day voyage across the Atlantic in an eight-ton schooner yacht was described in recent Home papers, has long favoured the lone voyage to England.

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He had a terrifying experience when captured by rebels. At first they threatened to shoot him because he was an American. He told them he was English—he was born at Faversham, Kent—and they released him, but not until they had relieved him of £500 in cash and his instruments.

They left him stranded with a gallon of water and three buns, but he managed to get home safely.

The spirit of adventure still runs strongly. In 1920-21 he was cruising in the Caribbean Sea in Sir Francis II. After a 5,000 miles voyage the boat struck a reef off Cuba and had to be abandoned.

He tramped through the jungle to civilisation, and then after long motoring over rough tracks he reached New Orleans, a distance of 7,000 miles.

Mr. Brutton: The answer is well-known to everybody in this Colony. When a man is to be arrested the first thing to do is to put the fear of God into him. The Police always "bang" a man. Your Worship can see it any time you choose to walk down the street at night.

Mr. Brutton added that the same thing happened to his client. It was impossible to believe that the Sergeant suspected a man in a short jacket to be running about with arms in his possession. He defied any court in the world to get away from the fact that arms never crossed the Sergeant's mind. His Worship, sitting as Magistrate, could not twist the evidence in such a way as to agree with the prosecution.

Continuing, Mr. Brutton drew the Magistrate's attention to the sergeant's evidence where he said "I made my report at the station and they drew up the charge." His Worship had heard that the man was suspected of something quite apart from arms and therefore should not read into that evidence more than what was in it.

Contradictory Stories.

The two material points in the Sergeant's evidence were contradicted by the lukong, who stated that the defendant did not struggle on the way to the station but walked quietly. The second point was that the Sergeant stated that the people were pulling and tugging at him and that the lukong went to his assistance, but this the lukong himself denied.

Mr. Brutton continued that the complainant in the box, after having sworn to tell the truth, left out of his main evidence that he pushed the defendant on the ground. It was only on being cross-examined that the fact was brought out.

Continuing, Mr. Brutton, said "Your Worship, could try to believe that this little man standing five foot five actually resisted a man six foot tall and four stone heavier. It is ludicrous. It is also ludicrous to believe that the Sergeant could bring the defendant to the police station three quarters of a mile away, if the defendant had been struggling on the way, as is alleged."

The "callous brutality" of the Sergeant in telling the mother to go to the police station to find out what was the matter with her son was next commented on. Mr. Brutton asked why the Sergeant did not tell the mother that her son was being arrested for resisting search for arms. He hinted that that bore a certain significance.

Individual's Rights.

In the opinion of Mr. Brutton it was an efficacious way for the Police to assault a person before arresting him, but the private individual must be protected. The police in the Colony has a difficult job and should be supported but they must not lose sight of the public's right.

Mr. Brutton concluded by stating that every single bit of the evidence was in favour of Lai. He submitted that his Worship could not come to any other conclusion than that the Sergeant assaulted the defendant.

Major Willson intimated that he wished to consider the matter and would announce his decision on Wednesday afternoon.

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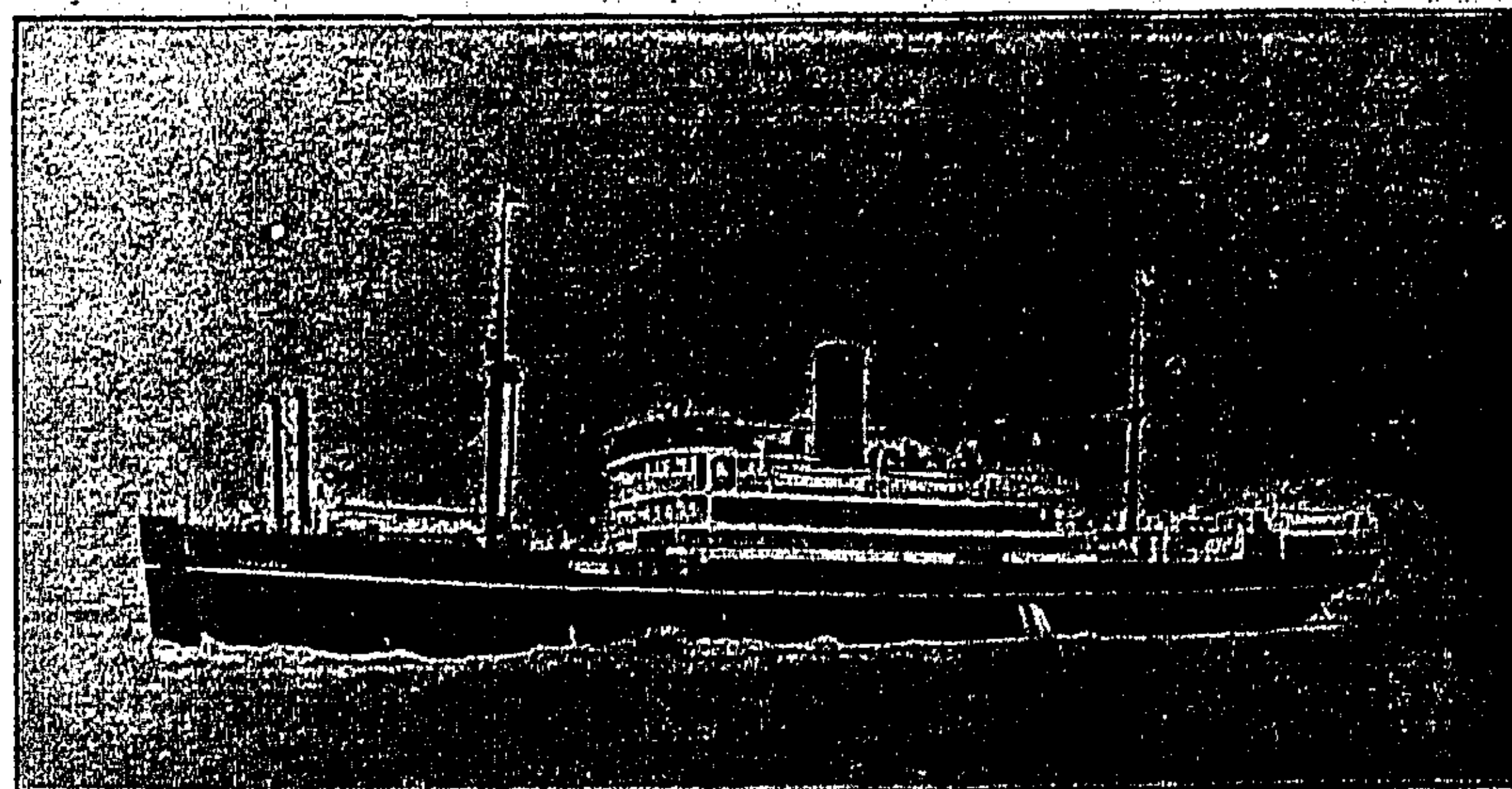
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THE LATE MR. J. C. WONG.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL SCENES.

The funeral of the late Mr. Wong Yui Shang, who was also known as John Chuen Wong, took place yesterday afternoon, when several hundred friends and relatives, representing business, professional, and religious circles attended. The Rev. Tsang Yat Sang, of All Saint's Church at Kowloon, officiated both at the home at Kowloon and at the Chinese Christian Cemetery at Pokfulam Road.

The cortege landed at the Pottinger Street Wharf shortly before 2 p.m. from Kowloon City, accompanied by relatives of the deceased. The procession was headed by a band and followed by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, of which Dr. B. C. Wong, a son of the deceased, is Divisional Surgeon. Divisional Superintendent Chak Tai Kwong commanded the Division. Then came the Chinese table pavilion on which an enlarged photograph of the late Mr. Wong was displayed. The chief mourners included Mr. J. M. Wong, a former vice-chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Benjamin Wong, Mr. William Wong, Mr. Edwin Wong, Mr. Walter Wong and Mr. Daniel P. Wong (sons) and grandsons and the closer relatives. Altogether more than 400 persons were in the procession, many being business or professional associates of the children of the deceased. Practically all the leading commercial organizations among the Chinese in Hongkong were represented and an incomplete list showed more than 300 wreaths sent, the total being probably double that number. Many Chinese and foreign friends joined the procession at the Cemetery.

THE STRUGGLE FOR HSUCHOW.

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vince. They are harassing the people unmercifully and attack small isolated groups of soldiers for the purpose of securing guns. It is also said that the southern agents are offering the bandits large bribes to stir up a commotion in the country and cut the railways wherever this is possible.

The maintenance of the railway service under these conditions and the strain of extensive military movements is very creditable, but the concentration of the troops has been much delayed.

The part to be played by Sun Chuan-fang's army in the present operations is something of a mystery. It is certain that 70,000, if not 100,000 is claimed to have been sent along the railway from Tsinanfu, but there is no evidence that any large numbers have proceeded south of Tsinanfu at which place, however, only two divisions remain.

What is Marshal Sun Doing?

On the other hand, residents at Tsinanfu claim that many of Sun's troops detained there and marched into the country both east and west of the railway. It would seem that if his troops are to have a hand in the drive now developing they must reach the front by marching overland, and in view of congested conditions of the railway this does not seem improvable.

It may be that they will be chiefly active as support columns behind the front lines guarding the country behind the advance from the operations of the bandits and hostile Red Spears.

All the troops who have reached the front lines up to the present have been Shantung and Chihli armies who appear not so well equipped as those under the command of Marshal Sun, and it would seem that the presence or absence of Sun's troops is calculated to have a considerable effect on the success or failure of the front line operations.

There is some talk that four divisions of Sun's men are reinforcing the right wing and are said to have travelled west of and parallel with the railway, swooping down upon the bandits, which seems to be the truth of the supposition that the whole army is marching overland from Tsinanfu, but of this there is no clear authoritative information.

Armoured trains are running daily on inspection trips between Tientsin and a place near Lin-cheng. There are no appreciable southern forces at Lin-cheng or for some miles south, where a sort of no-man's-land seems to have been established.

Seven trains passed Tientsin to-day going to the front.

There is every indication that action will commence on an extended scale very soon.

DESTRUCTION ON THE KIN-HAN LINE.

TO PREVENT FENG MOVING NORTH.

MYSTERY OF YEN HSI-SHAN.

Peking, July 20.

The conditions on the Peking-Hankow Line are much worse than were at first reported. It is difficult to secure exact information as all the foreigners have been withdrawn from Honan and the southern Chihli section, but I gather that in addition to tearing up much of the track between Tientsin and Shihchiachuang many bridges have been destroyed farther down the line.

It is understood that the station at Shuntoufu has been burned. Whether this was done by the Red Spears, by an advance guard of Feng Yu-hsiang's army, or by the withdrawing soldiery is not clear. The Kinhan administration is in touch with points on the railway only as far south as Tientsin.

The Red Spears have been extraordinarily active in the last few weeks. Information has reached Peking that they recently occupied one of the towns on the line between Shuntoufu and Shihchiang, where Feng Yu-hsiang's men were last reported to be.

Why is all this destruction taking place?

Some quarters say the main idea is effectually to block any attempt by Feng Yu-hsiang to come northward. Yet that seems unsatisfactory as an explanation, for it has been Peking's assumption for a month past that his real objective was Hankow which he hoped would fall into his hands after further attrition had been caused in the Kuomintang ranks by an appeal to arms between Nanking and Hankow. Other observers feel that the destruction is merely wanton.

An Obstacle.

In any event, by the withdrawal from Shihchiachuang, Mukden has put Yen Hsi-shan between themselves and the "Christian" general. If Feng's men come any farther north they will have to interpret the degree of their alliance with Yen before they can hope pass beyond Shihchiachuang.

Nerves are very frayed in Peking. Apart from the example on the Peking-Hankow Railway, a scare has arisen over the activities of Shang Chen beyond Kalgan.

The through train service to Kalgan was suddenly stopped yesterday. It was feared that Shang Chen intended to retain all the rolling stock that entered his bailiwick.

Then we have been treated in the past few days to rumours of the death of Yen Hsi-shan. This is strenuously denied, although it has been admitted that he has been ill enough to call for several visits from Dr. Dipper, of the German Hospital here, during the last two months.

On the other front, Shantung is considering the tempting offer of Hsuehshoufu. Is it advisable to penetrate farther south? The most disinterested advice is to the contrary, but Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's voice has been raised in its favour and this has persuaded some observers that if such a course were taken, the Devil's brew in Shantung would probably boil over.

HOUSE COLLAPSE.

FOUR PERSONS SUSTAIN SEVERE INJURIES.

As a result of the heavy rains on Monday morning, the roof of a house under reconstruction, No. 349, Queen's Road West, collapsed yesterday evening, the tiles and other debris bringing down the first and second floor verandahs.

Severe, although not serious, injuries were sustained by four persons, including a small boy seven years old and his mother who were passing on the pavement under the house at the time. The other two men were working on the premises.

The Central Fire Brigade received a report of the incident shortly after 6.45 p.m. and immediately despatched the appliances to the scene.

Work on the roof was abandoned during the recent rains and the threatening typhoon with the building half completed. The rear portion of the roof had been destroyed only that part covering the verandah being intact.

On the arrival of the firemen work of extricating the four persons was immediately commenced and although partly buried they were soon rescued and sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

A CASE OF COMMON ASSAULT.

RE-HEARING FOR INDIAN WARDER.

On the ground that the defend-

ant had not had the opportunity of refuting the allegations made by the prosecution, Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning and made an application for the re-hearing of the charge of common assault on which Ghulam Ali, a warder of the Lai-chikok Prisons, was convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour by the Kowloon Magistrate, on Thursday last. Mr. d'Almada said that he was making his application for a re-hearing to obtain a reduction or variation of sentence, and he felt sure that after hearing him, his Worship would not view the case with such severity as at the original hearing.

Allegations.

The charge was one of common assault, and it was on that charge that the defendant had pleaded guilty. A statement had been made to his Worship by the prosecution that there was apparently some indecent suggestion made to the two complainants by the defendant. His Worship thought that was a serious matter, and imposed an imprisonment sentence without the option.

That was an *ex parte* statement, and the defendant had no opportunity of refuting the allegations, his plea of guilty being only a charge of common assault only. The statement was not made in the witness-box for the defendant to rebut such evidence.

Mr. d'Almada then commented upon the defendant's record. He said he was 33 years of age, and had joined the army when he was still very young. He had seen service during the Great War and had a wonderful Army record. He had served in the Prisons Department for three years and also bore an unblemished character.

Continuing, Mr. d'Almada said that he had seen Mr. Franks and explained the position to him, and the Superintendent of prisons had agreed that it was rather hard on the defendant to have been sentenced to imprisonment without option of a fine.

His Worship granted a re-hearing for to-morrow morning.

WARDERS GUARD "GORILLA MAN."

UNCEASING WATCH OVER MANACLED PRISONER.

A coroner's jury at Winnipeg has found Earle Wilson (alias Virgil Wilson), the alleged "Gorilla Man," responsible for the deaths of Lola Cowan, a 14-years-old girl, and Mrs. Paterson, aged 27, both of whom were found strangled.

Nelson is being held at the local gaol under the strictest watch. He is kept manacled in a cell with four warders in constant attendance, owing to the ease with which he escaped from Killarney County Gaol when he was first captured.

If acquitted of the Winnipeg murder charges, Nelson is faced with extradition to the United States, where the police allege that nearly a score of women died by his hand.

DONKEY AND SHEEP AND OTHERS.

JOKES AT A DUCHESS' BALL.

London, June 25.—The Duchess of Sutherland, who has taken the initiative in a campaign against "crashers"—persons who make their way into balls and receptions without receiving invitations—gave a costume ball at Hampden House last night.

The Duchess of Westminster brought a party, of which the women were dressed as babies and then men, as nursemaids, pushed them in ancient perambulators.

Subsequently the men and women changed costumes and re-entered the ballroom as cock and hens. The latter laid eggs on the ballroom floor.

One famous society hostess, Mrs. Dudley Ward, appeared as a donkey, and the Duke of Sutherland as a sheep.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. Antarctic continent. 2. To Ligiton, in Peru. 3. The Macedonian League. 4. Lake Titicaca. 5. The frontier of Peru and Bolivia. 6. 12,444 ft. above sea level. 7. Aboriginal race of Japan. 8. Marco Polo. 1274-1292. 9. Fairy shoemaker. 10. Town of (Gibraltar). 11. Star of Jerex, in Spain. 12. Fortunate. 13. Star of first magnitude in constellation of Taurus, known as the "Bull's Eye." 14. Of mixed Spanish and Indian descent. 15. Inward of the Wale. 16. "Arma virumque cano," first words of Virgil's "Aeneid." 17. St. Genevieve.

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